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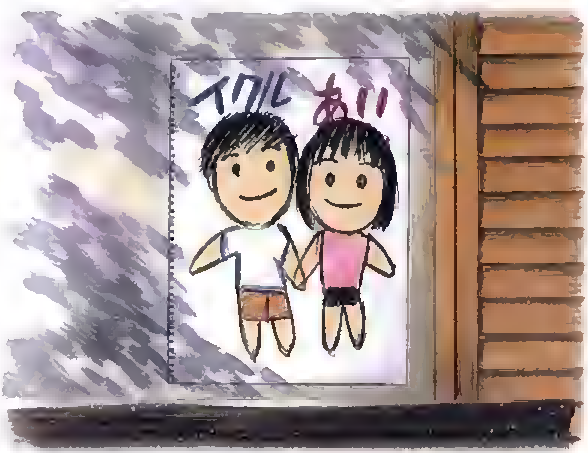

I'M STILL ALIVE

WISH YOU COULD

I JOE.

JOYCE [ENG - A]

AGH-RMS

Artificial Genes Human Regenerated
for Mental support

愛人

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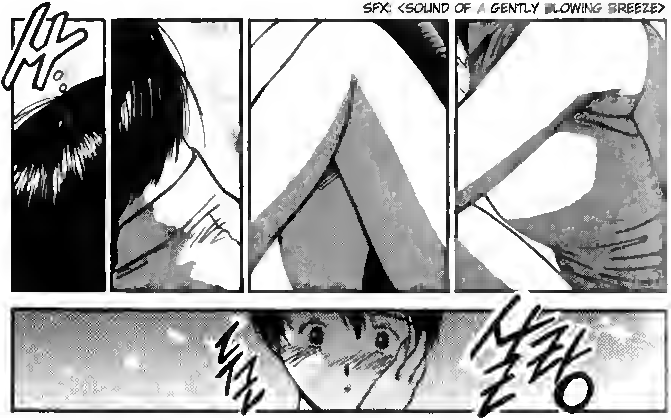
#8 FIRST LOVE

愛人 [AI JIN]

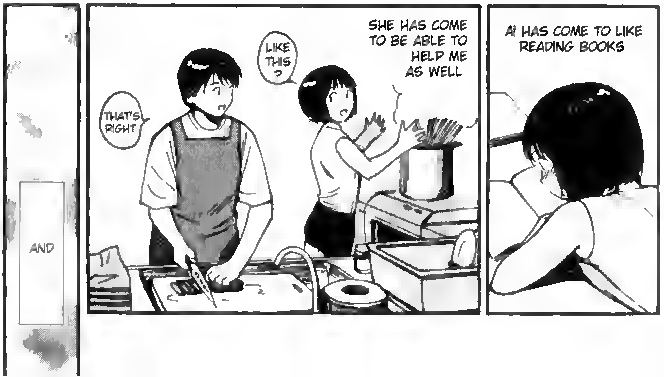
THE BREATH THAT BRUSHES AGAINST THE CHEEK
THE TEXTURE OF LIPS
AI'S WARMTH

SFX: <SOUND OF A GENTLY BLOWING BREEZE>



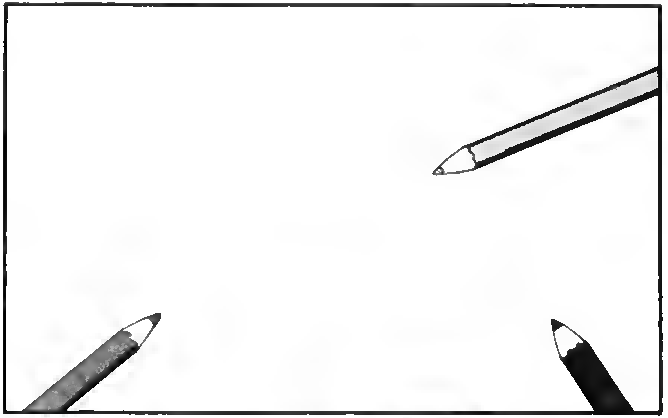
AI AT TIMES

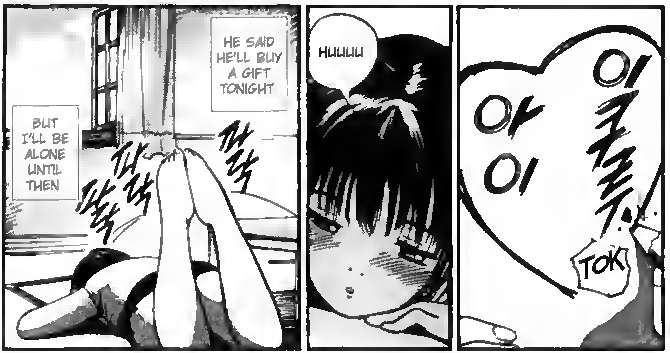
MAKES ME FEEL HELPLESS



UH-HUH
I'M ALSO GOING TO WASH THOSE CLOTHES, SO GIVE IT TO ME
YUP
AH
AH
SA-SACHT

SCHOOP
HERE
WHIIIINN
WHIIIINNNNN
SOMETHING IS CHANGING LITTLE BY LITTLE
WHIIIINNN
AH





HEART "IKURU/AI"

SFX: <BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP>

SFX: KBA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP

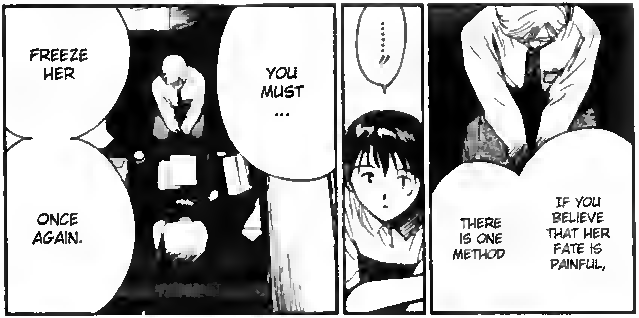
PAIT

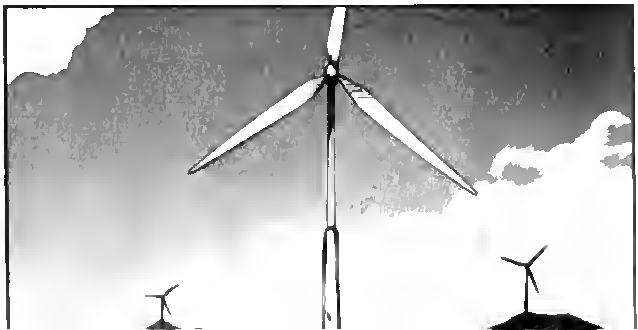
IKURU

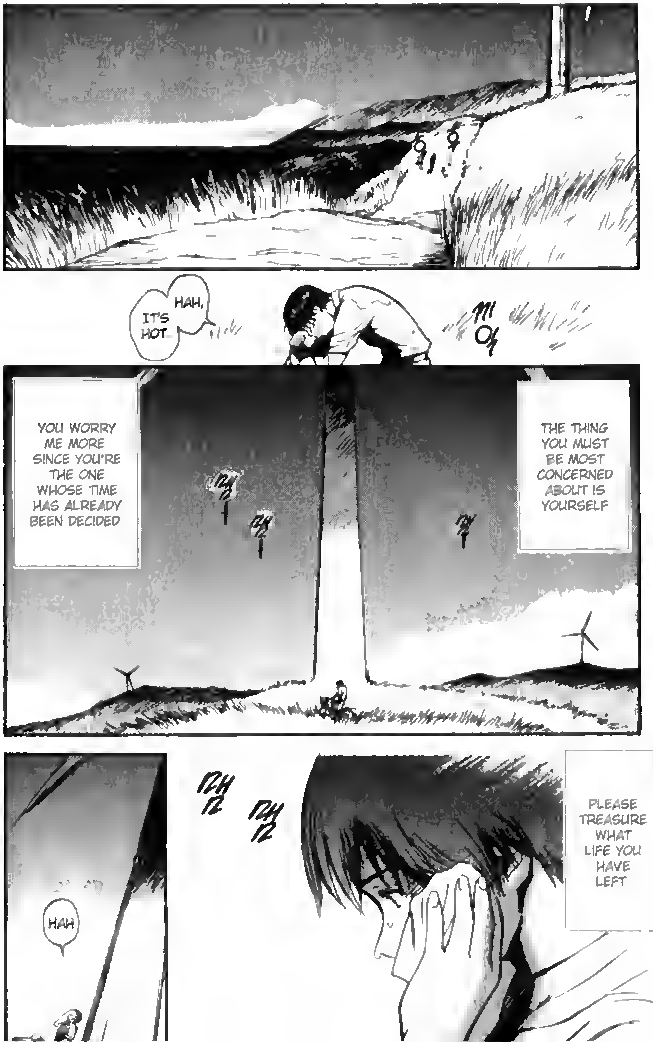
IKURU

SQUEEZE

UM.


IF YOU BELIEVE THAT HER FATE IS PAINFUL,
THERE IS ONE METHOD
……
YOU MUST …
FREEZE HER
ONCE AGAIN.

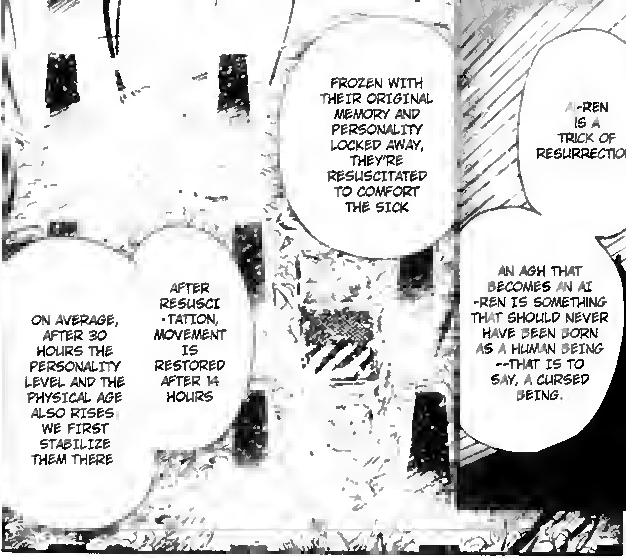


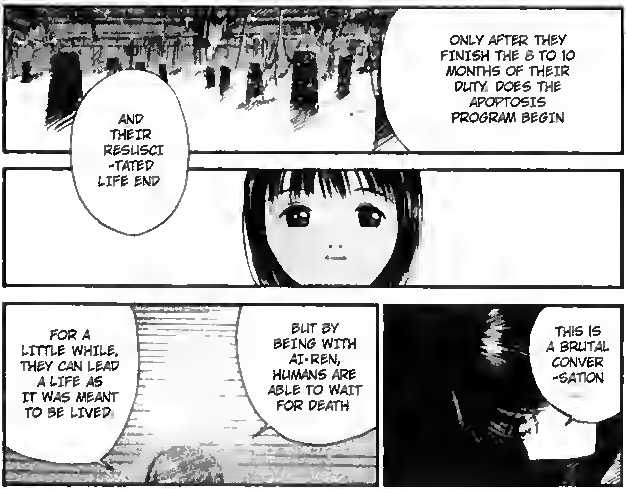

HAH.
IT'S HOT.
YOU WORRY ME MORE SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE WHOSE TIME HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED
THE THING YOU MUST BE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT IS YOURSELF
HAH
PLEASE TREASURE WHAT LIFE YOU HAVE LEFT

THE NEW SKETCH -BOOK
THE BIG ERASER
I PROBABLY DIDN'T LEAVE OUT AI'S GIFT
THEN
THE BOOK OF FAIRY TALES SHE WANTED TO READ
THE COLOR PENCILS SHE WANTED
AND THE CHOCO -LATES AND SWEETS
AI LIKES THINGS LIKE THIS SHE SHOULDN'T EAT TOO MUCH OF THIS
AND

AHH
AHH

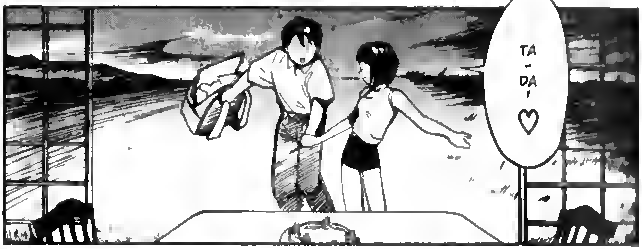
AT THE CITY HALL, I FINISHED AI -REN'S STEPS AND FORMALITIES
THEN THIS MEANS YOU'LL STILL BE LIVING WITH HER
THAT SHE AI-REN WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE LONG
IS IT PAIN -FUL?
.....
ISN'T THAT EXPECTED?
PROLONGING AI-REN'S RESUSCITATED AGH'S LIFESPAN IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH OUR TECHNOLOGY
YOU MUST KNOW BUT
YOUR AI-REN HAS GONE THROUGH THE SEVEN-DAY RESUSITATION PROCESS
WELL THERE'S ALSO THE INDIVIDUAL CAR AND

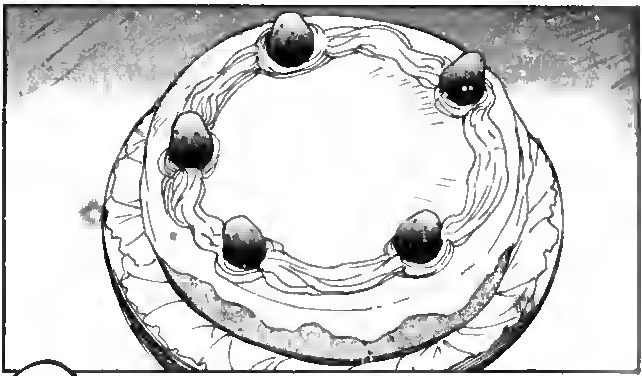

ON AVERAGE, AFTER 30 HOURS THE PERSONALITY LEVEL AND THE PHYSICAL AGE ALSO RISES WE FIRST STABILIZE THEM THERE
AFTER RESUSCI -TATION, MOVEMENT IS RESTORED AFTER 14 HOURS
FROZEN WITH THEIR ORIGINAL MEMORY AND PERSONALITY LOCKED AWAY, THEY'RE RESUSCITATED TO COMFORT THE SICK
AI-REN IS A TRICK OF RESURRECTION.
AN ASH THAT BECOMES AN AI -REN IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BORN AS A HUMAN BEING --THAT IS TO SAY, A CURSED BEING.

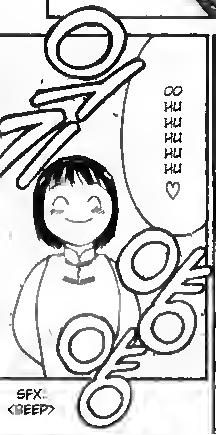

ONLY AFTER THEY FINISH THE 8 TO 10 MONTHS OF THEIR DUTY, DOES THE APOPTOSIS PROGRAM BEGIN
AND THEIR RESUSCI -TATED LIFE END
FOR A LITTLE WHILE, THEY CAN LEAD A LIFE AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE LIVED.
BUT BY BEING WITH AI-REN, HUMANS ARE ABLE TO WAIT FOR DEATH
THIS IS A BRUTAL CONVER -SATION

SFX: <WAVES BREAKING>

IKURU!!
IKURU
IKURU
IKURU, IKURU.
COME HERE.
AH
WEL-COME HOME!
WAIT
HURRY


TA
-DA!
♡

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♡
SFX:
<BEEP>

AI
THAT'S
IMPRE
-SSIVE
♡

UH-
HUH
♡
THIS
DID AI
MAKE
THIS?

BY
LOOKING
AT THIS
BOOK!!
Cooking
HOW?

IT'S GOOD THAT I BOUGHT THE GIFTS
WHAT IS IT?
WOW
YOU WANTED ONE OF YOUR OWN
LACEY APRON ♡
UH-HUH
CUTE
SMILE SMILE
SMILE
THIS IS THE FIRST CAKE THAT AI MADE
WAIT !!
SHOULD WE MAKE THIS INTO ME AND AI'S ANNIVERSARY CAKE?
HOW?
IKURU ... I ...
AH!
I WANTED TO TELL IKURU TO COME SOON, SO I WORKED HARD.
?

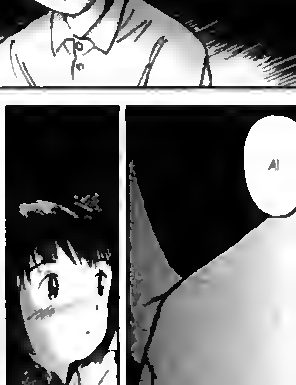
AHH !!
♪……

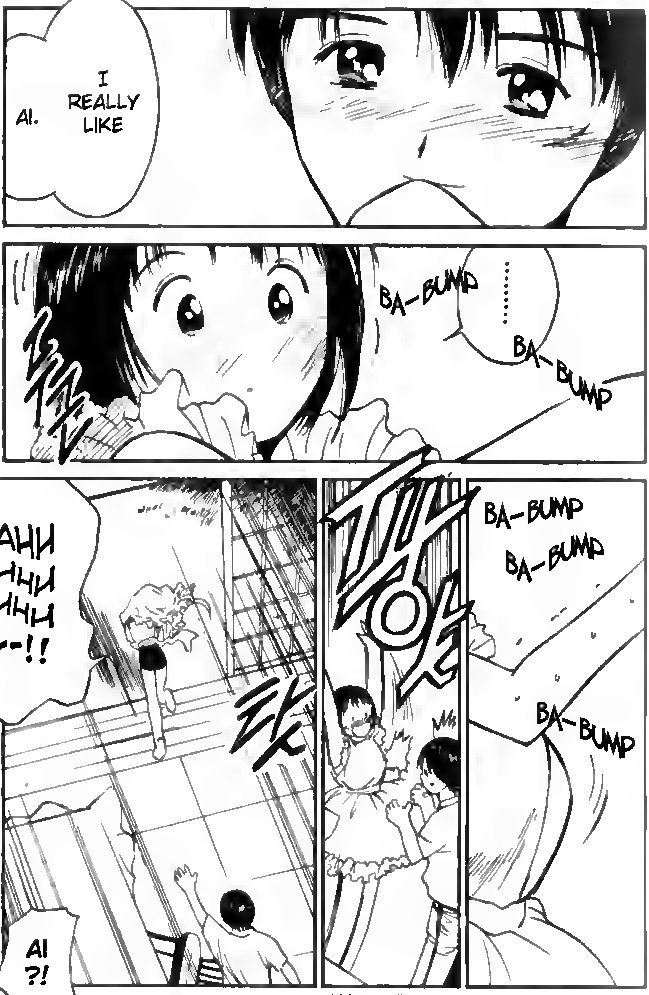
WOW
ALL DONE.
SFX. <PONG>

IT'S SO ROMANTIC ~

I'M HAPPY BECAUSE AI IS WITH ME!
I ...
IT'S FORTUNATE THAT I GET TO LIVE WITH YOU.

EH !!
LIKE AI.


AI


I REALLY LIKE
Ai.
BA-BUMP
.....
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
AHH HHH HHH --!!
Ai ?!

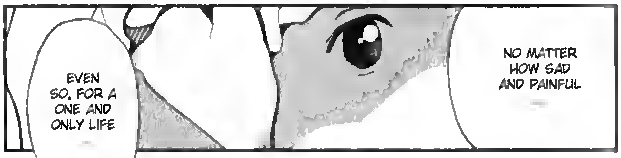
SFX <PACHI>

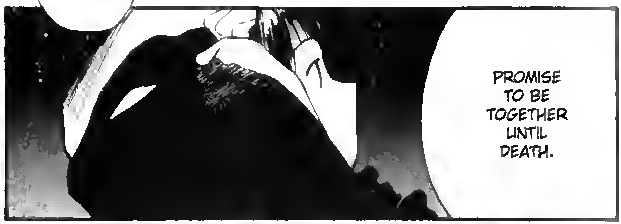
과앙!
AI!
SFX <KA-DANG>
AI
YOU OKAY? WHAT'S WRONG?
BEC-AUSE
SFX <HAHA>
IKURU HAS
SFX <SHIVER>
SFX <PANT-PANT>
HA
SURPRISED
BECAUSE
BECAUSE

SURPRISED ~
HAHAHA SORRY
OOH ~ IKURU ~~
LOOK
I'M A BRIDE ♡
IKURU

IKURU'S
BRIDE.

PROMISE THAT TWO PEOPLE WHO LIKE EACH OTHER WILL ALWAYS STAY TOGETHER
AI


EVEN SO, FOR A ONE AND ONLY LIFE
NO MATTER HOW SAD AND PAINFUL


PROMISE TO BE TOGETHER UNTIL DEATH.

A MAN AND A WOMAN WHO SWEAR AN OATH LIKE THAT
LOVE EACH OTHER.

THE LITTLE TIME THAT REMAINS

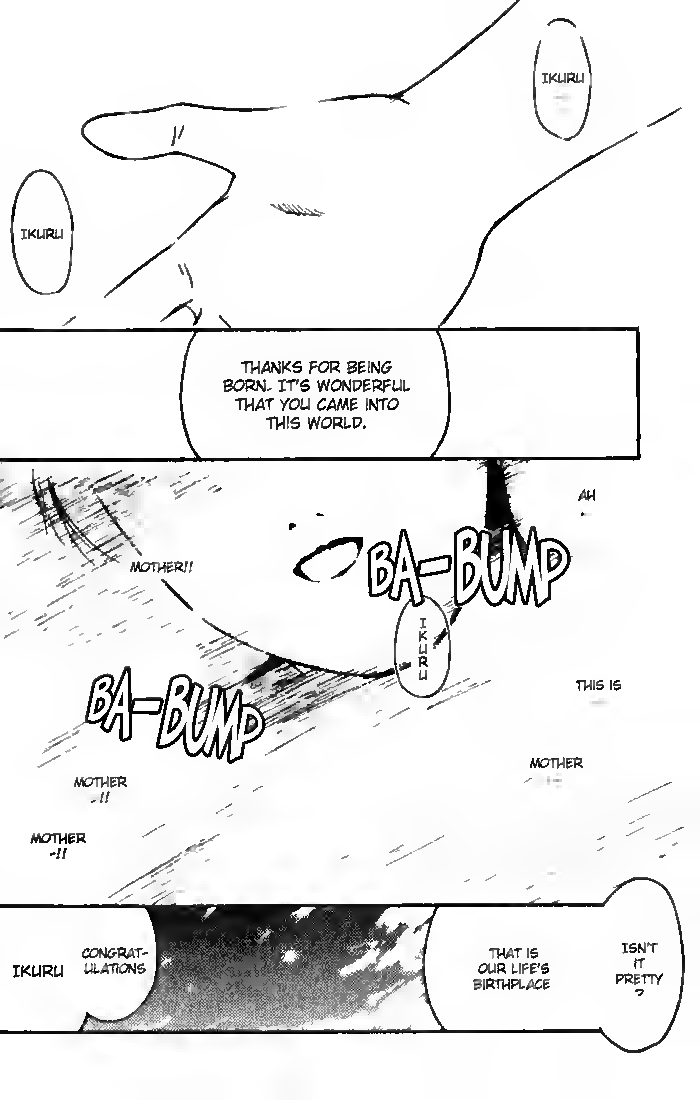
LIVE WITH ME.

Ai...

I REALLY LIKE YOU!

愛人
AI-JIN
#9
RETURNING TO THIS PLANET

THAT'S RIGHT
...
I WAS VERY
MUCH FOND OF
THIS LANDSCAPE
...


IKURU
IKURU
THANKS FOR BEING BORN. IT'S WONDERFUL THAT YOU CAME INTO THIS WORLD.
AH
MOTHER!!
BA-BUMP
IKURU
BA-BUMP
THIS IS
MOTHER
MOTHER -II
MOTHER -II
IKURU
CONGRAT-ULATIONS
THAT IS OUR LIFE'S BIRTHPLACE
ISN'T IT PRETTY ?

YOU
TOO ARE
THAT
STAR'S
...

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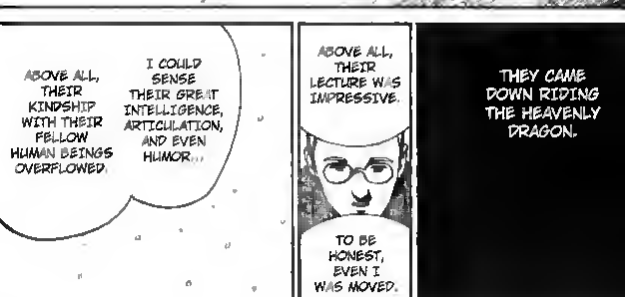
SFX: <THE SOUND OF CHOPPERS>
EVEN THOUGH WE MADE SURE NOT TO LEAK ANY INFORMATION
SINCE THEY'RE CONGREGATING FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD
IT MUST BE OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE,

SHOUTING OF LOVE THROUGH TELEVISED LECTURE,
THEIR EXISTANCE IS ROOTED IN MODERN OCCULT LIKE UFO AND CONSPIRACY THEORIES
WOULDN'T THEY KNOW THE MOST OF IT?
TO WHAT EXTENT DO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE GATHERED HERE KNOW OF THE TRUTH?
NO MATTER HOW FALSE THE INFORMATION,
THEY SAVED THE HUMAN RACE.
IT MAY ALSO SEEM TO OTHERS AS WHERE THE END BEGINS FOR THE HUMAN RACE.
THEY MUST HAVE FELT IT TO BE ABSOLUTE TRUTH.
MAY ALSO BE CALLED THE REPRES-ENTATIVES OF THE HUMAN RACE
OUR ALLIED SPECIAL NATIONAL REPRESE-NTATIVE
YOU'RE GOING THERE TO CONFIRM IT THEN
REALLY? WHICH IS THE TRUTH?

INSIDE THE NAVAL BLOCKADE WE ARE WAITING FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT INTERVIEW IN HUMAN HISTORY
A MEMORANDUM FROM KAMALO KALALEN ALLIED NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
THIS IS ALSO FATE...
SO NOTHING CAN BE DONE.
DO WE REALLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE?
THE BURDEN IS HEAVY
BUT SOMEONE HAS TO DO IT.

HITO
IT IS THEIR NAME

THE GOD OF DEATH TO WHOM THE WORLD HAD SWORN ITS THROAT
THE NIGHTMARE OF AN APOCALYPTIC WORLD WAR THAT HAD ALREADY COME BE REGARDED AS A RELIC OF THE PAST
USING THE OPPORTUNITY CREATED BY DISASTERS IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE. INSECURITIES OF WAR SWEPT INSTANTLY THROUGH CHINA AND AFRICA.


ABOVE ALL, THEIR KINDSHIP WITH THEIR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS OVERFLOWED.
I COULD SENSE THEIR GREAT INTELLIGENCE, ARTICULATION, AND EVEN HUMOR...
ABOVE ALL, THEIR LECTURE WAS IMPRESSIVE.
TO BE HONEST, EVEN I WAS MOVED.
THEY CAME DOWN RIDING THE HEAVENLY DRAGON.

WHO CAN STAND UP TO THE AUTHORITIES LEADING US TO WAR?
TRUTHFULLY, TO SAY THAT THEY'VE SAVED THE WORLD IS NOT EXAGGERATION
INCLUDING THE SATELLITE.
AT THAT TIME, THEY STOLE WEAPONS CAPABLE OF WORLD-WIDE MASSACRE.
BUT ...
IT WAS ONLY AN ILLUSION
CLEVERLY ENACTED
USING A TECHNIQUE MORE ADVANCED THAN OURS
THE POLITICIANS HADN'T HALTED THE WAR BECAUSE THEY WERE MOVED
THEY WERE SIMPLY AFRAID THAT SOMEONE WOULD APPEAR
MORE POWERFUL THAN THEY
THEY ARE NOT THE MESSIAH
IT'S NOT OFFICIAL, BUT WE'VE BEEN IN CONTACT FOR OVER 10 YEARS
THEY ARE NOT STRANGE BEINGS FROM OUTER SPACE
THEIR IDENTITY IS CERTAIN.

HE IS NAOI'S SPHINX ...
HE DOES NOT SURPASS THE GENETIC HANDICAP OF PRIX.
THEIR CURRENT LEADER IS THE ONE CALLED KILIT WHO HAD JUST GIVEN A SERMON ...
THAT PURE WHITE HAIR, THE DISTINCTIVE FACE ... ANYONE CAN RECOGNIZE HIM WITH ONE GLANCE.
IT IS ONE OF THE DISCARDED EXPERI -MENTAL COLONIES.
THEIR ORIGINAL INTENT WAS ON THE EARTH'S SATELLITE'S ORBIT.
THEIR TRUE INTENT IS TO CONTROL THE GENETICALLY RECOMBINED LIFEFORMS ABANDONED BY EACH COLONY.
AS BEINGS HIGHER THAN THEMSELVES THEY HAVE NOW JUST MET ..
THEY HAVE RETURNED TO THIS PLANET THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS
THEY HAVE EVOLVED AGAIN AT AN AMAZING SPEED IN SPACE
THE ARTIFICIAL PRIX ABANDONED IN SPACE ..
THE TIME HAS COME.
IT MUST BE THE SAME SHOCK THAT APES, WHO USED THE WOODS AS A PARADISE, FELT UPON FIRST MEETING MANKIND —!

THERE IS NO ONE ORIGIN OF MANKIND. THERE WERE TENS OF SPECIES BEFORE US, ONLY OUR ANCESTORS SURVIVED AND CONTINUED TO EVOLVE THEREBY BECOMING MASTERS OF THIS EARTH... AND BECOMING HOMO SAPIENS.
IT IS A MATTER OF MAN'S INTEGRITY.
DON'T BRING USELESS THINGS.
I'M TAKING IT JUST IN CASE. NO NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT BEING CAUGHT.
WE PROMISED NOT TO BRING ANY WEAPONS.
I KNOW WHAT THIS EVENT SIGNIFIES
THEY APPEARED BEFORE US
ONLY THE WORD OF OUR RAISED LIFE EXPECTANCY IS BASED IN REALITY IN THIS ERA
THE POPULATION OF THE HUMAN RACE HAS DROPPED, OUR EVOLUTION HAS HALTED, AND WE'VE EVEN LOST OUR REPRODUCTIVE CAPABILITIES
OUR CIVILIZATION IS DEGENERATING ONCE AGAIN
IF THEY HAPPEN TO THE "HUMANS" OF THE NEXT ER...
THIS ...
THIS CLOSE UP VIEW
THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD REALLY DESCEND FROM THE SKY...
THAT THE LEADING ROLE WILL BE REPLACED YET AGAIN ON THIS PLANET
AH

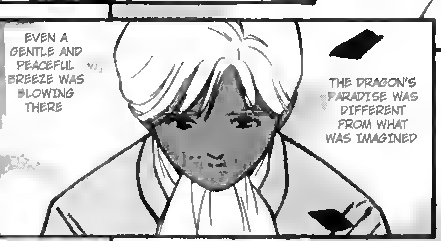
HITO'S
"DRAGON"

OHHH
IT'S JUST LIKE

AN ACT !!
IT'S A SIMPLE REFLE-CTION!

ALL FANTASTY
IT'S FANTASY

IT'S SO PEACEFUL
BUT


EVEN A GENTLE AND PEACEFUL BREEZE WAS BLOWING THERE
THE DRAGON'S PARADISE WAS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WAS IMAGINED

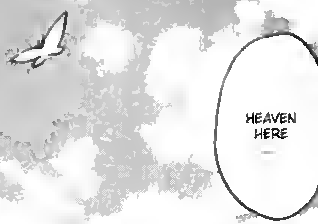

HEAVEN HERE

IMAGE OF THE NEXT WORLD
THE PANIC AND DISBELIEF IN THE ASTRONOMICAL WORLD
THE ONE WHO GUIDED US TO THIS ROOM WAS
A YOUNG GIRL NAMED KUMELILAN ....
NOT HUMAN .....
THIS IS ...
A DREAM ...
"
THE DOOR SILENTLY OPENED AND HE APPEARED

WELCOME
SFX: <KUUUUU>
I AM KILIT
SMIRK
I STILL DO NOT KNOW WHY THAT WAS
I WAS WRAPPED BY A SENSATION I MYSELF HAD NEVER EXPECTED
I BECAME SPEECHLESS THE MOMENT I SAW HIM

PLEASE KEEP OUR ACTIONS A SECRET. WE THANK YOU FOR WHAT HAPPENED
HE WAS VERY POLITE AND EVEN HAD A RESPECTFUL TONE
THE FIRST INTERVIEW HAD A SURPRIS -INGLY PEACEFUL ATMOS -PHERE
THAT WAS
AN OVERWHELMING YEARNING THAT BROUGHT TEARS TO THE EYE ...
THAT THERE IS NO LONGER A PLACE WHERE WE CAN REST
WE KNOW AS WELL THAT THE CURRENT EARTH HAS ARRIVED AT THE EVE OF AN APOCA-LYPSE
WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE A WHOLLY DIFFERENT RACE
MY BASIC INSTINCT WAS TRIGGERING AN UNENDING STREAM OF ALARM BELLS
BUT
FOR WHAT PURPOSE ...?
THEN WHY
BUT
HIS LOW VOICE WAS FILLED WITH ENDLESS ANGUISH AND COMPASSIONATE GENTLENESS
SOMETHING ALARMING WITH THIS MAN BEFORE MY EYES
SINCE WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT UNIQUE
THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR
THEN WHY ... THE DESIRE TO EMBRACE AND COMFORT THAT CURSED BEING WAS SPRINGING FROM DEEP WITHIN MY SOUL ...!!!
BROTHERS WHO HAVE LIFE SUCH AS YOU HAVE
ALMOST LIKE GOD'S PARODY WHO HAS EVIL INCLINATIONS

I BEG OF YOU!
PLEASE...
PLEASE...
TO NOT LET THIS PERSON BECOME THE ENEMY OF THE HUMAN RACE...!!
THAT I'VE PRAYED WITH ALL MY HEART ...!!
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME SINCE MY BIRTH
THE MEANING OF GODS' NAME "HITO" IS
ACCORDING TO YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE, IT CERTAINLY
THERE IS NO NEED TO BECOME AN IDIOT
HE LAUGHED ...
A LAUGHING FACE THAT COULD NEVER BE FORGO-TTEN
IT'S JUST AS IT IS

"HITO" IN JAPANESE MEANS A HUMAN BEING --
GOD... PLEASE HELP US--!

IKU...

RU...

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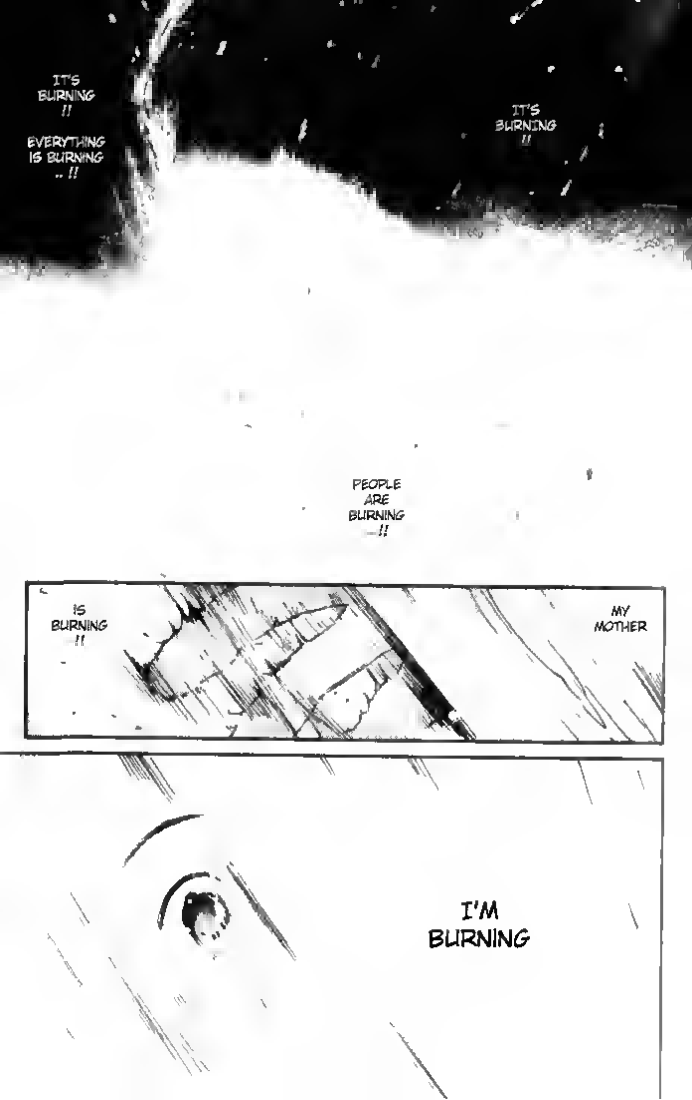
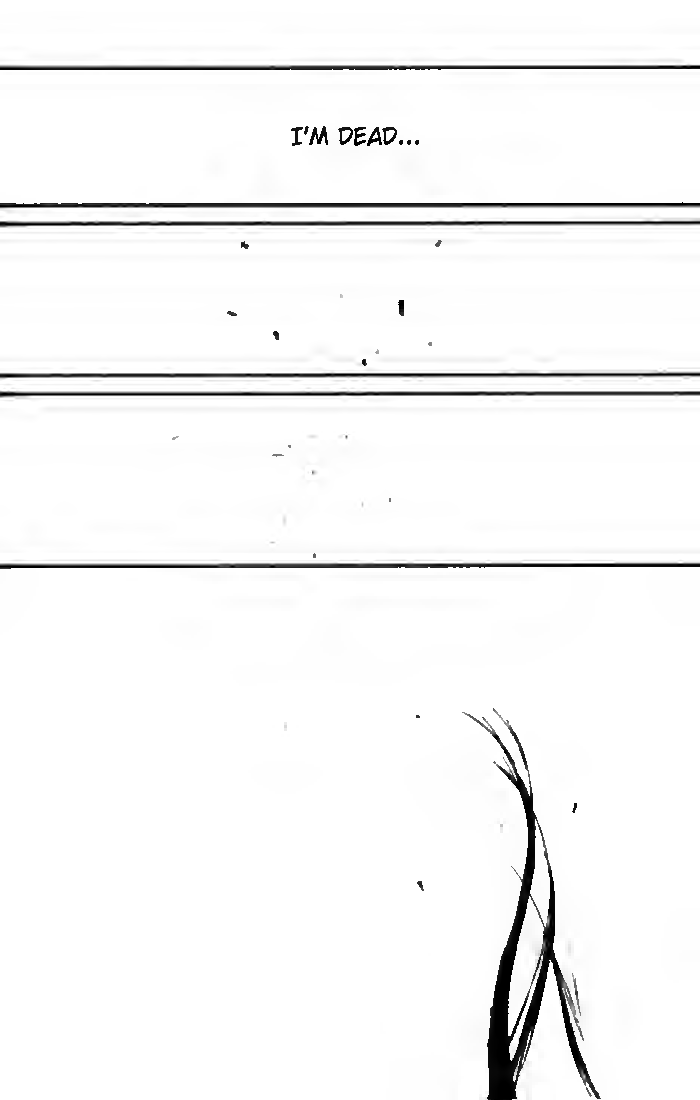

IT'S BURNING !!
EVERYTHING IS BURNING .. !!
IT'S BURNING !!
PEOPLE ARE BURNING —!!
IS BURNING !!
MY MOTHER
I'M BURNING

I'M DEAD...



LIFE

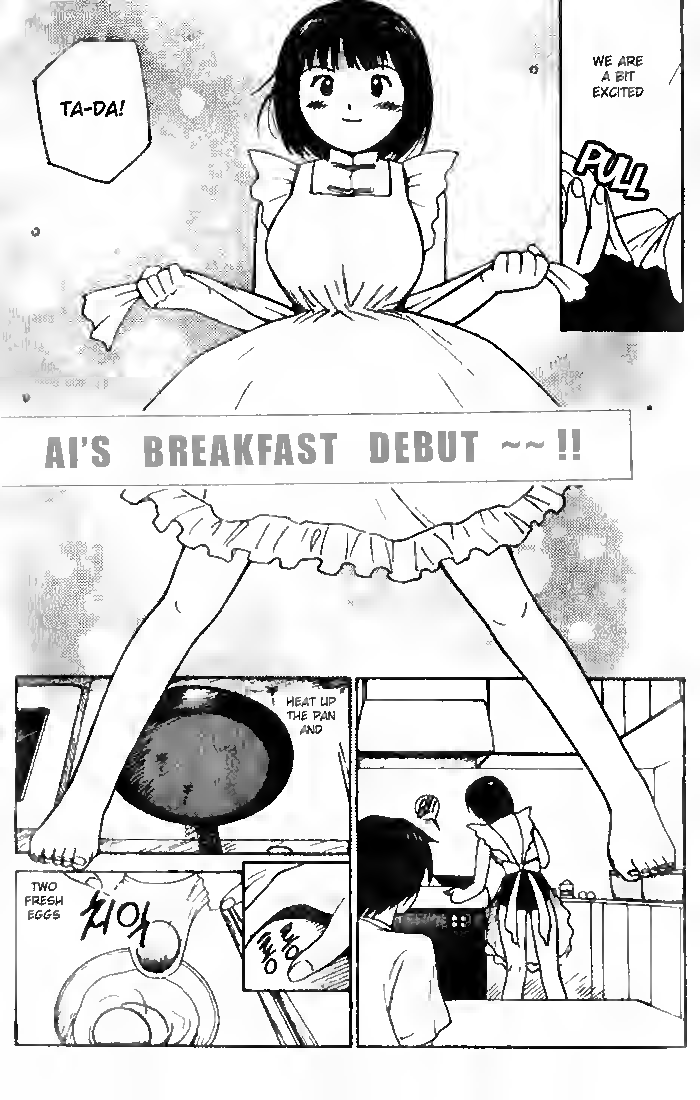
I RETURNED
TO THIS PLANET

I'M STILL ALIVE
UH-HUH
THE FULL MOON IS SO BEAUTIFUL
I'VE RETURNED TO THIS PLANET
IKURU
WHY?
AND BESIDE ME IS
THE PERSON WHOM I LIKE
BEAU-TIFUL ♡

【#9 -끝-】

#10 Still Life [Peaceful Life]

AI AND I ARE LIVING ON
AT THE BIG HOUSE BY THE SEA
HUH
OH
I'LL BE ABLE TO EAT SOLID FOOD TODAY
HERE THIS IS AI'S
THEREFORE...
THAT I AM IN GOOD CONDITION
I REALIZED AFTER WAKING UP THIS MORNING
UM


TA-DA!
WE ARE A BIT EXCITED
PULL
AI'S BREAKFAST DEBUT ~~ !!
HEAT UP THE PAN AND
TWO FRESH EGGS
쉬아
지잉
Ai!

ONE
TWO
THREE
FOUR
CAN'T STIR TOO MUCH OR ELSE THERE WILL BE A FOAM
ON THE IORN FRY ING PAN
ME A BUTTER
AND A BIT OF CREAM
SALT PEPPER
DONE!
SCRAMBLE!! SCRAMBLE!!
STIR SWIFTLY WITH CHOPSTICKS AS SOON AS THE EGG STICKS
NO
OOPS!
LOOK LOOK IKURU!!

UM
UM
DONE!! IT'S DONE!!
AH!!
WOW --!
HUFF HUFF
THANKS FOR THE FOOD!
?

HURRY UP AND EAT
STARE
UM
GULP
BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
DELICIOUS!
SFX: <GOOD>
IT'S REALLY DELICIOUS!
AMAZING Ai--!!

UH-HUH!
TRY MINE TOO!
SFX: <CICADA CHIRPS>

SFX: CICADA CHIRPS
AI AND I ARE LIVING ON

LIVING HERE.
SFX: KCIC, DA CHIRPS
THE BLOSSOMING CHERRY TREE
LOOKING AT
PRETTY PRETTY
GOOD GOOD
CHECKING UP ON THE TOMATOES
AH!!
WE EXPLORED THE WAREHOUSE
HE'S COME TO BE INTERESTED IN MUSIC

AND !!
WE TRIED PLAYING IT TOGETHER
FOUND A TREASURE !!
ABSORBED!!
ABSORBED!!
GUITAR STRINGS
ONE, TWO --
I'LL NEVER GIVE UP!!
SFX: SCHING?

TA TA TA!!
APPEARANCE OF A NEW SENSATION!!
DA DA TA!!
Rock'n Roll Sho
SFX. <CHING CHING CHING CHING>
Shake Hip!!
YEAH!!
BOOTY DANCE!!

AI WANTS TO CONQUER EVERYTHING
CREAK
AI HAS AN INTEREST IN EVERYTHING
TWO
ONE
UH
SLOW DOWN
UH UH
UH-HUH
LET'S GO
UH
UH
I WANT NO REGRETS, EVEN IF IT ALL ENDS TOMORROW ...!!

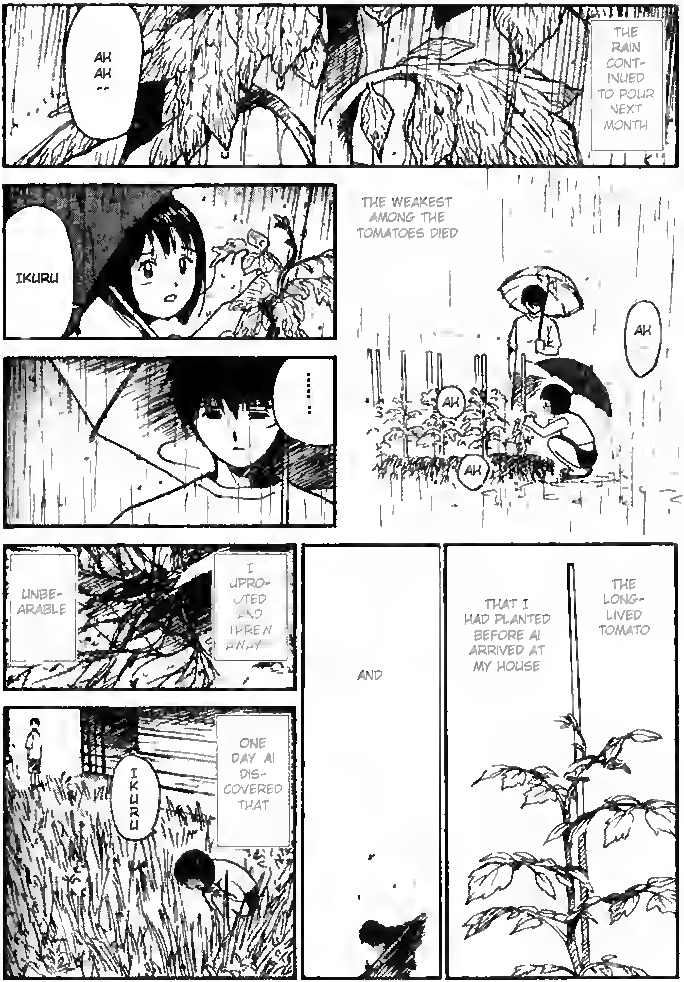
AI AND
I ARE
LIVING ON

DRIP
HIK
OF
BIG PRO-BLEM
POIT
POIT
AH
UWAAAA!
OK
OK
SFX: <POURING RAIN>
IT'S OKAY! I'LL DO IT LATER!
AI!!
HURRY IN--!!
THIS RAIN IS HARMFUL --!!
SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>
SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>
AH?!
SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP>
SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>

SFX. <POURING RAIN>
IT WAS ACID RAIN THAT USUALLY DOESN'T FALL IN THIS AREA
THEY'LL BE ALRIGHT WE GAVE THEM MEDICINE
WILL THE TOMATOES BE OKAY?
AND SINCE TOMATOES THESE DAYS ARE HARDY
However, the truth is that number of missing persons has not been accurately addressed yet.
In this way, the disaster area is coping.
Is to prevent the terrorism borne from the chaos ...
Our Caleln allied special national representative states that the blockade at the south pole...
They're gathering relief funds for the southern hemisphere at this point
The entire world has joined for this rescue effort
YOU WANT TO BATHE FIRST?
UH-HUH

A shocking special!
BOOM!
TA-DA! THE APPEARANCE OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS! AT THE SOUTH POLE!
Today's special corner --!!
The fact that those who are different from us called "aliens" live in the colony above our heads.
Those who are being called the Alien-Faith!
IKURU, COME WATCH!
Our staff at broadcasting has come across a shocking truth!
No matter what, the "Alien Religion" is considered to be an occult's superstitions to most people --
They say that these "aliens" will someday descend to the earth and save the world with their psychic powers.
What we will show you henceforth will be footage from the southern hemisphere taken by chance.
The scene is the south pole ...
However --!!
And there are also those who warn that these "aliens" will be the bearers of the apocalypse to this world.

Something akin to a portion of a tremendous spaceship has been filmed.
See it? That shadowy form behind the navy
WHERE ~?!
YOU SHOULDN'T GET TOO INTO THESE TYPES OF BROADCASTS
WOW --
THESE ARE TRASHY PRO-GRAMS !
IS IT THIS ?
WHAT'S THIS?
WHERE? WHERE?
THIS! THIS!
The cameraman who filmed this has been taken into custody of the Allied Special National Army and cannot be reached
We can see the "alien" spaceship!!
All we can hope is that they are our saviors
ABOUT NOW THERE MUST BE AN IMPRESSIVE UPROAR ABOUT USING THE SITE OF A DISASTER AS ENTER-TAINMENT.
THESE ARE ALL MADE UP
HUH? THESE ARE LIES?
The "aliens" had already descended on earth!!
MINGLED WITH THE SOUND OF RAIN, ONE OF AND IT'S L ST DAYS WAS COMING TO AN END.
SFX: <SOUND OF POURING RAIN>
IF SAVIOR


AH AH --
THE RAIN CONTINUED TO POUR NEXT MONTH
IKURU
THE WEAKEST AMONG THE TOMATOES DIED
AH
AH
AH
.....
UNBEARABLE
I UPROOTED AND THREW AWAY
ONE DAY AI DISCOVERED THAT
IKURU
AND
THAT I HAD PLANTED BEFORE AI ARRIVED AT MY HOUSE
THE LONG-LIVED TOMATO

NOT DEAD. IT WAS LIVING WITH IT'S ROOTS STUCK INTO THE GROUND
AMAZ-ING!
LOOK AT THIS~
DIDN'T STOP EVEN WHEN NIGHT CAME
THE RAIN
I TOLD YOU YOU SHOULDN'T BE IN THIS RAIN!!
AI!!
AI!!
ENOUGH ALREADY, COME IN!
YOU MIGHT CATCH SOMETHING!
SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>
SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>
SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>

삐삐삐삐
삐삐
삐삐
AI!!
SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>
오오
쏴아아
쏴아아
삐삐
I BECAME ANGRY WITH AI
FOR THE FIRST TIME

THERE THERE
BE GOOD
BE STRONG.
SFX: <RAIN POURING>
THE RAIN THAT WE COULD DO NOTHING ABOUT POURS ABOVE US

I WANT NO REGRETS,
EVEN IF EVERYTHING
ENDS TOMORROW

BE STRONG !!

IYAAAA AAAAAA ~!!
ALTHOUGH IT MAY HAVE BEEN FASTER TO JUST WALK
RIDE IKURU ~!
TOO STRE-GGFUL
WE'RE GOING TO THE MARKET TODAY WITH AI DRIVING
FOR THE FIRST TIME A FLOWER BUDDED ON THE TOMATO PLANT
HERE
..IVING PEACE-FULLY

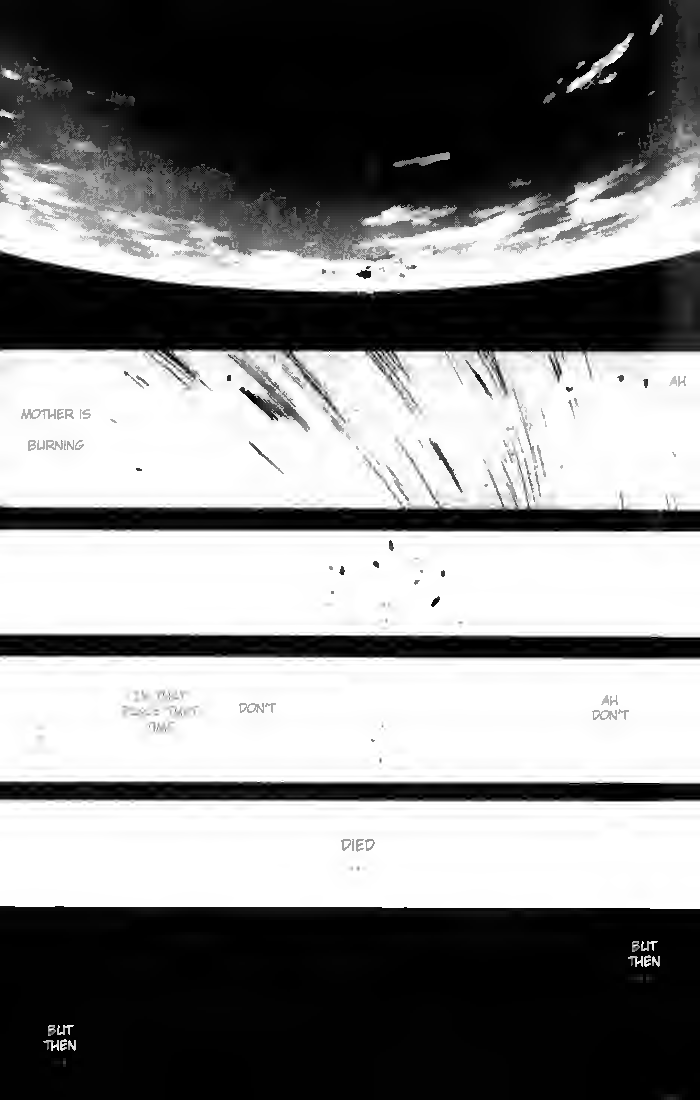
[#10 -끝-]

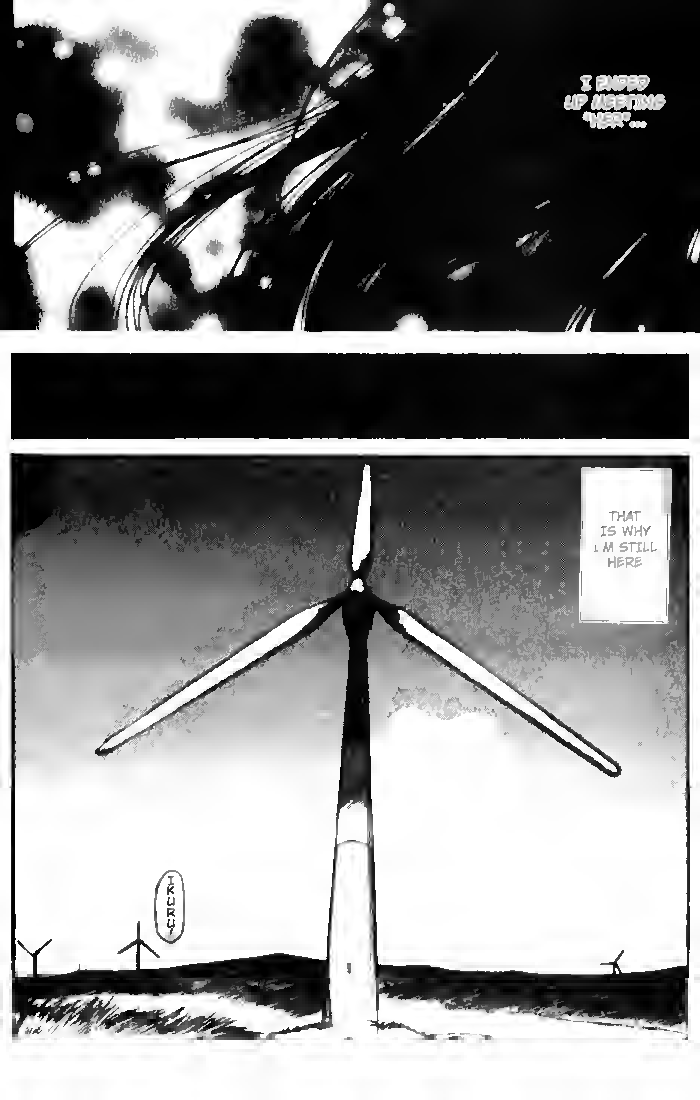
愛人 (AI-JIN)

#11 Home Sweet Home ~Children~

MY MEMORY !?

A MEMORY BELONGING ONLY TO ME ?


AH
MOTHER IS
BURNING
IN THAT
PLACE THAT
TIME
DON'T
AH
DON'T
DIED
BUT
THEN
BUT
THEN


I ENDED UP MEETING "HER"...
THAT IS WHY I AM STILL HERE
IKURU

WHAT'S WRONG IKURU?
YOU OKAY?
AH, IT'S NOTHING.
REALLY?
UH-HUH
TEACHER HARUKA'S PLACE IS ONLY A LITTLE FURTHER
WHERE DID SHE LEARN THAT CONCEPT?
AI IS ELATED
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO GO
HM'
YOU'LL BE SURPRISED WHEN YOU SEE MY TEACHER'S HOUSE.
HUH? WHY?
SINCE IT'LL BE DIFFICULT ONCE I GET IN
SEE THERE
IT WAS AI WHO SUGGESTED GOING TO VISIT THE SICK
IT WAS HIS SHELTER BEFORE UNDERTAKING SURGERY THAT DEBILITATED HIS INTESTINES AND RIGHT ARM

CRASHING WAVES
WOW !!
TEACHER'S PLACE IS OVER THERE
HUH ?
AMA-ZING ---
THAT'S NOT A BUILDING
YOU ARE
YOU ...

YOSHIZUMI IKURU RIGHT?
YOU
YOU ARE DEFINITELY
YES, THAT'S RIGHT
YOU CAME LAST TIME TO PICK UP THE TEACHER?
LOOK LOOK
YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME?
AH... YOU SEE....
WHO IS THAT CHILD ...?
SHE CAN'T BE YOUR LITTLE SISTER.
IT'S FORTUNATE THAT YOU LOOK HEALTHY.
NONSENSE !!
I REMEMBER
AH,
I OWE YOU A LOT FOR THAT TIME.
IT'S AI-REN

AI-REN
PONG
I..
THE PERSON I LOVE
THIS IS HER
OH --!
IS THAT SO ?!
HO HO ~~ THAT'S GREAT!
THAT'S REALLY GREAT!
SO THAT'S IT~?!
YES
I HAVE ONE TOO!!
HONEY !!
HONEY !!

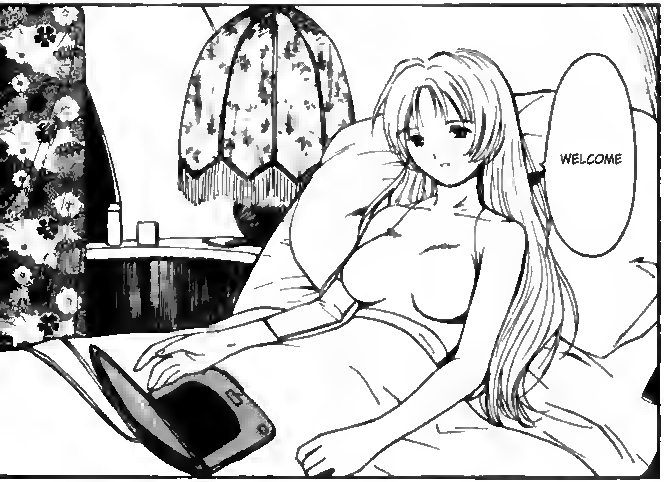
SFX: <WHIIIIIIIIIP>
OH
AH
THIS PERSON IS MY HUSBAND ~
WHY? WHAT IS IT?
WHY ARE YOU YELLING AND MAKING SUCH A COMMOTION?
HERE'S ONE MORE
AND
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
HO
CLAP
CLAP
HO HO ~
CLAP
IS SOMEONE WE LOVE.
INSIDE HERE
NOR HER TWO LEGS ARE HER OWN NEITHER ARE HER EYES EARS NOSE
MOMENTS I CAN HEAR THE SOFT UM OF
THAT'S RIGHT
HUH? INSIDE YOUR BELLY?
IS SHE GOING TO HAVE IT?
AS EXPECTED

AT THE END OF LONG YEARS
SHE IS NOW HERE
HER PARENTS DID NOT WANT TO GIVE UP
THEIR EFFORTS DIDN'T OUTLAST ONE YEAR BUT
NO MATTER HOW ADVANCED THE TECHNOLOGY, NONE KNEW HOW ONE WHO RECEIVED A NEW LIFE WILL BE BORN
SHE COULDN'T RECEIVE FROM HEAVEN
PING...
AND
HER HUSBAND MUST BE THE SAME KIND OF PERSON AS SHE
THE RESULTS OF THE EXAM CAME...
THIS CHILD IS ALSO LIKE ME...
EVEN SO...
EVEN SO, I WON'T KILL IT.
DEFINITELY NOT...
FAREWELL...!
STOP BY ON YOUR WAY BACK!
OHH OHHH...

OOH OHHH
A SPACE-SHIP
THIS IS REALLY
SPACE-SHIP ?!
YUP
SFX: BA BUMP BA BUMP BA-BUMP BAM BAM BAM BAM
HUH?! CAN WE GO IN?!
WOW
Wooo
OOOW
THIS WAS THE RESEARCH SATELLITE UP IN SPACE.
UH-HUH.
BECAUSE IT'S ONLY AN ORDINARY HOUSE RIGHT NOW.

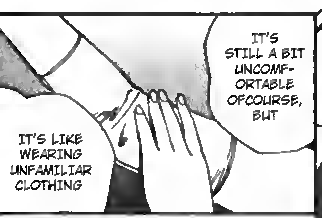
WOW
AS I THOUGHT I DON'T LIKE THIS PLACE
RUB RUB
THE CHILDREN WHO PLAY EXUBERANTLY IN THEIR IGNORANCE
HOWEVER
THAT NO ONE HOPED FOR

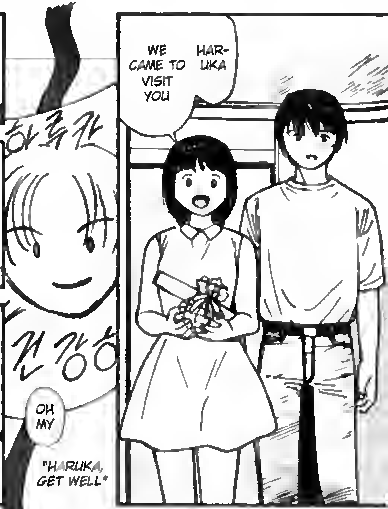
EEEYAP?!!
FLING
SFX (KICK!!)
FOOTSTEPS
DRAG DRAG
HM-PH !!
LET'S HURRY, AI
IT'S SO BOTHER-SOME... WHAT IS IT ...?
SFX (CLANG)
HM-PH !!
GRIP


WELCOME

THANKS
ARE YOU OKAY TEACHER?

UH-HUH I CAN EAT NORMALLY FROM TODAY ONWARDS
IT WAS A SIMPLE OPERATION ON BOTH PARTS SO I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT


IT'S STILL A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE OFCOURSE, BUT
IT'S LIKE WEARING UNFAMILIAR CLOTHING


WE CAME TO VISIT YOU
HARUKA
OH MY
"HARUKA, GET WELL"

THANKS
HUP HUP
SFX: <MASSAGE>
SO CAN YOU BRING TEA, IKURU?
I WAS ABOUT TO EAT THESE COOKIES
SURE
HA HA
IT SUITS YOU WELL
YOU CAME WEARING A PRETTY DRESS TODAY!
IT'S THE BASEMENT PHARMACY RIGHT
IT'S ALREADY TIME FOR MY PILL!
OH MY
SFX: <BEEP BEEP>
IT'S NOT HERE
OH MY,
CLICK

CUMBERSOME BODY
NORMAL PEOPLE MUST SEE ME AS THE SPHINX GOD
NEVER GETTING OLD NOR ILL
NO ONE CAN KILL ME
EXCEPT THROUGH DECAPITATION
SFX <PWWIP>
AHH THE USUAL
SFX <BAM>
HMM
IKURU, HOW IS MY CONDITION?
AH
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK
TEACHER
IKURU?

I UNDER-STAND
.....
AS EXPECTED
I THINK I'LL BE DEAD BEFORE YOU
WHEN THAT HAPPENS
PLEASE LOOK AFTER AI
WITH-OUT ME
HOW SAD WILL AI BE
DID SOME-THING HAP-PEN ?
YES
IT KEEPS POPPING UP THESE DAYS,
THE MEMORIES OF THAT TIME
ME-MO-RY?
I FOUND OUT AFTER READING THE RECORDS BUT IT DIDN'T FEEL REAL
THE DESTROYED COLONY, THE FLAMING PEOPLE, THE BIG BLUE EARTH COMING CLOSER AND ITS SCENT AND HEAT
I HAD DIED ...

IT'S LIKE MY LIFE IS NOT MY OWN.
IT'S A WRONG LIFE.
IT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE --!!
A SENSATION ...
REAL ENOUGH TO RAISE GOOSE-BUMPS !
I COULDN'T ...
SURVIVE THAT TIME ...
I DON'T EVER WANT TO MAKE AI SAD !!
AI SMILES FOR ME --!!
EVEN SO, THERE'S SOMEONE I LIKE!
MUST I MAKE OTHERS FEEL SCARED, PAINED, AND SAD?!
YET WHY STILL ...
THE REAL ME MUST HAVE DIED WITH MY MOTHER ...
I'M ASKING WHO REVIVED ME --!!
WHO MADE ME THIS WAY ...?!

WHERE'S THE BASE-MENT ~?
THERE
STEP
EEEEYA !!
OOF!
SFX (KICK2)
HURHURS
HURHURS
IKURU
AI !!
SFX (PAIT)
SUMO
YOUR
.. YOUR NAME ~?!

YOU LACK RESOLVE
NO ONE WILL SAVE YOU
REMEMBER WELL THAT THIS WORLD AND UNIVERSE
DOES NOT HOPE FOR AN EXISTENCE SUCH AS YOURS!
NOT BEFORE AND NOT EVER --
WHETHER YOU LIVE OR DIE DOESN'T MATTER
THAT IS REALITY IN THIS WORLD THAT YOU LIVE IN
THE IMPORTANCE OF EVERY LIVING LIFE ...
MEMORIES OF HER PARENTS SISTER HER TEACHERS HER LOVED ONES ...

YOU LIVE NEITHER THROUGH THE POWER NOR PERMISSION OF ANOTHER
RESIGN YOURSELF
NO ONE EXISTS THROUGH THE HOPE OF SPACE NOR NATURE, GOD NOR SOCIETY
I WILL STILL LIVE ON EVEN IF THE WORLD DOES NOT WANT ME OR ABANDONS ME
WE'RE FOLLOWING THE PRIMAL INSTINCT INSTILLED BY NATURE
THE REASON WE'RE LIVING ON...
IN THIS WORLD

PUSH
AHEAD
WITH YOUR
MEMORIES
...

YOU HAVE A REASON TO FIGHT!
BRUSH
EVEN SO ....
YOU MUST FIGHT ON WITH THIS WORLD THAT DOESN'T WANT YOU --!!
WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAVE YOU EVEN IF WE UTILIZED ALL SCIENCE AVAILABLE TO US, IKURU.
YOU WILL INEVITABLY HAVE TO FACE DEATH ....
Ohhhh...!
BECAUSE ...
YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT ....!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
#11 - END

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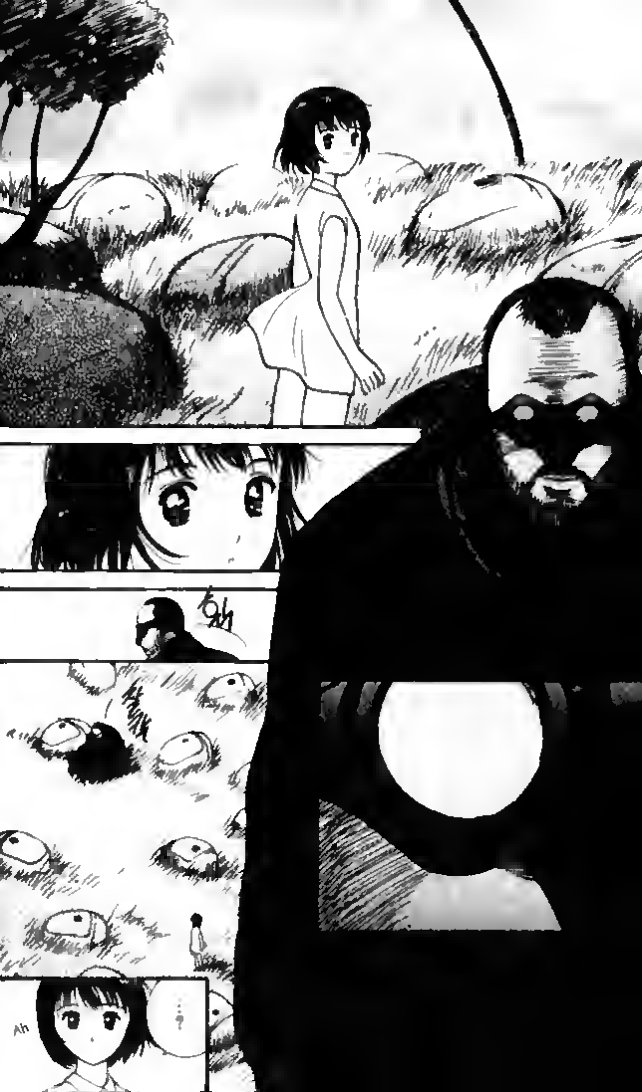
#12 Home Sweet Home II ~Blue Sky & Sunset~


Ah

?
AH
HO HO HO—
RIGHT RIGHT
DONG DONG

WOW
HOO HOO
RIGHT! RIGHT!
.....
LOOK
YOU — KNOW WHAT THAT IS ?
DO THEY
KNOW WHAT HUMAN BEINGS ARE?

HELLO ~!!
I THINK THEY'RE IN A GOOD MOOD
HEALTHY, SMART, AND GOOD CHILREN!
THEY'RE SMILING BRIGHTLY!
UH, HUH
THESE CHILDREN KNOW NEITHER OR LIGHT NOR SOUND —
THEY LOST THEIR FORMS EVEN BEFORE BIRTH —!!

HMMM
YET THEY STILL LIVE IN THIS WAY —
AH
TRULY CLINGY/ STUBBORN ...
SO YOUR MISTER ~?
I'M A SOLDIER —
I THREW AWAY MY NAME

I WAS A SPECIAL SOLDIER IN THE STELLAR WAR
EPACE !!
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
MADE MY BODY AND HEART FEEL NEITHER PAIN NOR SADNESS
AHHH
I LOST SIGHT AS WELL AS SOUND BECAUSE OF THAT.
THE STRONGEST MAN IN HISTORY
ALTHOUGH I HAVE BECOME USELESS
AND THE STELLAR WARS DID NOT COME TO PASS
SINCE THE HUMAN RACE IS ALREADY DYING OUT!
RIGHT NOW, ALL I CAN DO IS TO COMFORT AND PROTECT THESE "HIRUKO"S
HA
HIRUKO ?
I MEAN THOSE CHILDREN

CHILDREN SACRIFICED FOR EVERYONE'S HAPPY FUTURE ...
ATTEMPTING TO USE GENETIC ENGINEERING TO MAKE SUPERIOR AND LONGER-LIVED HUMANS... THESE ARE THEIR FAILED EXPERIMENTS!
THEY WOULD HAVE PLAYED INNOCENTLY IN THESE FIELDS —!
HA!
THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN BORN WITH ORDINARY FATES IF LEFT ALONE —
SACRIFICING THESE YET UNBORN CHILDREN UNABLE TO REFUSE OR ESCAPE TO MAKE A NEW FATE FOR THE SAKE OF EVERYONE'S HAPPINESS —

HA
WHAT A GLORIOUS DEED —!!
IKURU
THERE IS ONE THING YOU MUST KNOW
AI ...
SHE [AI-REN] ...

A BEING MADE TO COMFORT PITEOUS BEINGS LIKE YOU ...
HER SMILE THAT YOU [redacted]E
IT MAY BE AN IMITATION IN LINE WITH HER CHEM-ICALLY-MADE PERSONALITY
IN TRUTH, IT MAY BE A SIMPLE FANTASY
IS IT OKAY EVEN THEN ...!?
EVEN IF EVERY-THING IS A FANTASY
I
AI ...
YES ...

LOVE THAT IS NOT FANTASY DOES NOT EXIST IN THIS WORLD —...
!
HUMANS HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE FANTASY INTO REALITY ...
BUT

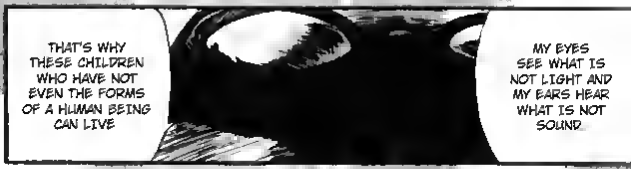
THAT IS CALLED LOVE...

IKURU
WHOOSH
HMM...
I SHOULD GO FIND HER....
SHE MUST DEFINITELY BE SEARCHING.
NO!!
WHAT WOULD AI HAVE BEEN LIKE BEFORE SHE BECAME AN AI-REN....!?
YES?!
BA-BUMP
MANUFACTURING THAT KIND OF PERSONALITY IS DIFFICULT—!!
AI IS...
Well

DEFINITELY CAME FROM A PLACE WE'VE NEVER HEARD OF.
ARE YOU NEW TO THIS SYSTEM?
IF SO, THEN I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING OF IMPORTANCE.

DON'T WONDER ABOUT WHY YOU WERE BORN—!!
YOU DON'T NEED THOSE KINDS OF THOUGHTS!
UNDER-STAND?
UH-HUH
BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT
THERE ARE LOTS OF THINGS THAT AI LIKES~!!
LOTS AND LOTS ~!!
Ikuru's scramble
!?
Ikuru?
Ikuru's piano
Guitar
The bike I ride with Ikuru
Long-lived tomato
Fun books to read
Color pencils
Pretty apron
and
and
I HAVE SOMEONE I LIKE
SOME-ONE YOU LIKE ...?
UH-HUH ♡

IKURU ~♡
HA
HA
HA
UGH !!
GLAM-OROUS ♡
HA
FOR ONE WHOSE LIKE A NEW-BORN HE KNOWS QUITE WELL !!
REALLY? MUST BE ONE AMAZI BASTARD
HA
I BELIEVED I WOULD BECOME A GREAT HERO
I THOUGHT THAT IF I GAVE MY ALL TO THOSE WHO ARE MORE HEROIC AND MORAL THAN I, THEN I THOUGHT I COULD HOLD AN HONORABLE LIFE IN MY HANDS
BUT THAT IS A MISTAKEN CONCEPTION !
HUMANS CAN'T BE HEROIC IN THE END!


THAT'S WHY THESE CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT EVEN THE FORMS OF A HUMAN BEING CAN LIVE
MY EYES SEE WHAT IS NOT LIGHT AND MY EARS HEAR WHAT IS NOT SOUND.

WE CAN LAUGH TOGETHER AND BE LONELY TOGETHER !

LET THEM KNOW MY WISHES FOR THEM TO BE HEALTHY.

THAT IS THE BEST A HUMAN CAN DO!

MISTER, YOU ARE A HERO!
SQUEEZE
MISTER !!
!?
NO I'M NOT!! THIS IS ONLY THE IMAGE OF A FAILED DOG...!!
N-NO ...!!
...!?
MISTER, YOU DON'T LOSE TO ANYONE!

YOU'RE THE HERO TO THESE CHILDREN ~!!
SEE~~ EVERYONE'S SAYING THANK-YOU!
HEROIC

!!
YOU
...
YOU
ARE
...!

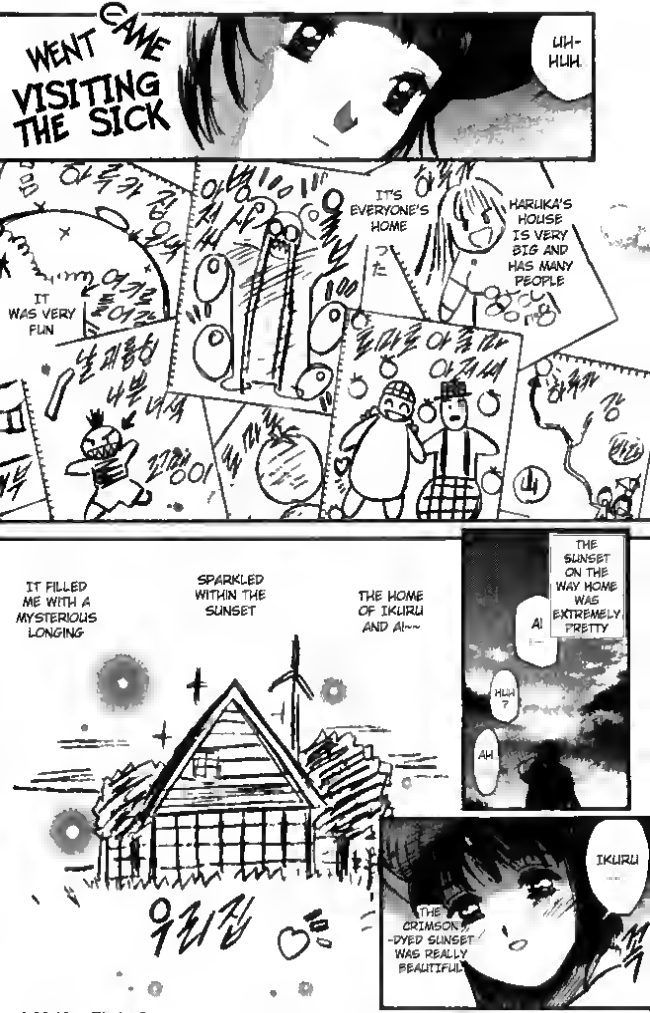
WHO ...
YOU— YOU ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD
ARE YOU ...?

AI

UGH !!
SFX: <WHAM>
N-NOT HERE...?

IKURU ~
CHATTER
Ai !!
SWOON
WHAT'S THIS WEAK-LING?
EVEN IF HE'S HER INFE-RIOR!
I WAS WITH MISTER !
WHERE DID YOU GO?
MIS-TER?
Eeeyap
IKURU ♡
WALK
WALK
WALK

BYE ~~
.....
I'M ONLY MEETING STRANGE ONES TODAY.
HARUKA'S HOUSE — WHAT AN AMAZING PLACE!
HUH? OKAY...?


I WENT AND CAME VISITING THE SICK
UH-HUH
HARUKA'S HOUSE IS VERY BIG AND HAS MANY PEOPLE
IT'S EVERYONE'S HOME
IT WAS VERY FUN
THE SUNSET ON THE WAY HOME WAS EXTREMELY PRETTY
AI
HUH ?
AH
IKURU
THE CRIMSON-DYED SUNSET WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL
IT FILLED ME WITH A MYSTERIOUS LONGING
SPARKLED WITHIN THE SUNSET
THE HOME OF IKURU AND AI~~

[#12 - END -]

愛人
#13 Adolescence

BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

THESE STRAW-BERRIES ARE AMA-ZINGLY FRESH
TODAY'S DESSERT WILL BE DELIC-IOUS
WANT A TASTE?
SNAP
AH... RIGHT NOW YOUR HANDS ARE
AH
UH-HUH
UH-HUH
BA-BUMP
THEN
HA HA
OH!
AHHH ~ AHHH

SFX. <RUSH>
...!?
SUCK

BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

AH !!
SFX <PULL>
WERE YOU TRYING TO EAT ME AS WELL?
AI
.....
UH-HUH !!

I WANT TO EAT IKURU
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
I THINK IKURU WILL BE DELICI-OUS ~♡

IKURU SHOULD ALSO SAY "AAAH."
BUT THAT'S RAW M-EAT.

SPLASH
SSSHHHH
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP

WH
T'S
THIS
?
SOME-
HING S
NGING
THIN ME
OMETHING
WEIRD
I'M SCARED, IKURU...

BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
IKURU —!

UUUWA !!
EYYYY-YAAAA~ ♡
SFX <HUG>
W— WHAT IS IT ?
RUB
RUB
RUB
IKURU! IKURU! IKURU —!!
YOU'RE STILL DRIP-PING WET —!!
HEHE
'CAUSE IT'S FUN~!!
UU UU UNG ~
AI... WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN ...?!

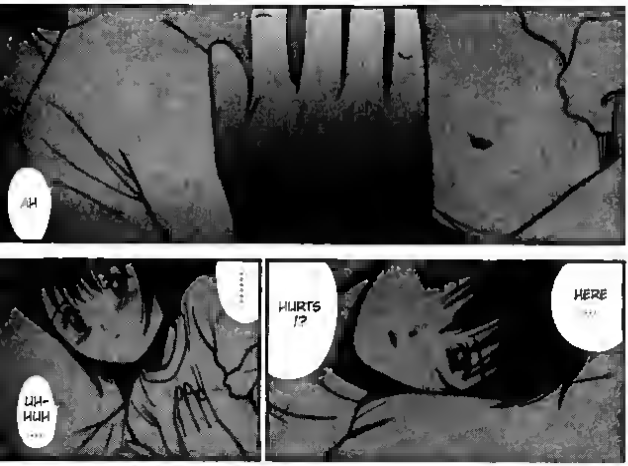
A ...AI
STOP IT!!
AH AH AH
SFX <SQUEEZE SQUEEZE>
HOW IS IT? HUH? HOW IS IT?
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
FLAP
SFX <BLUSH>

HEEE EEEE !!
HEE ...
SFX. <DA DA DA DA>
SFX. <POURING RAIN>

RUB
IKURU
...
RUB
RUB

SORRY, DID I WAKE YOU?
NOPE
.....
IKURU, ABOUT BEFORE ...
SORRY FOR BEING TOO RAM-BUNCT-IOUS
HUH ?
NOPE ...
IKURU
IKURU .... MY CHEST ....
MY CHEST... FEELS HOT...
IT'S WEIRD ...
MY CHEST HURTS TOO MUCH ...
SO MUCH THAT IT CALLS FORTH TEARS.
IT'S BEEN STRANGE RECENTLY ....
I JUST CAN'T STAY STILL.
EVEN IN THE FUTURE, PLEASE
CONT-INUE TO LIKE AI.

IT'S WEIRD ...
MY CHEST HURTS TOO MUCH ...
SO MUCH THAT IT CALLS FORTH TEARS.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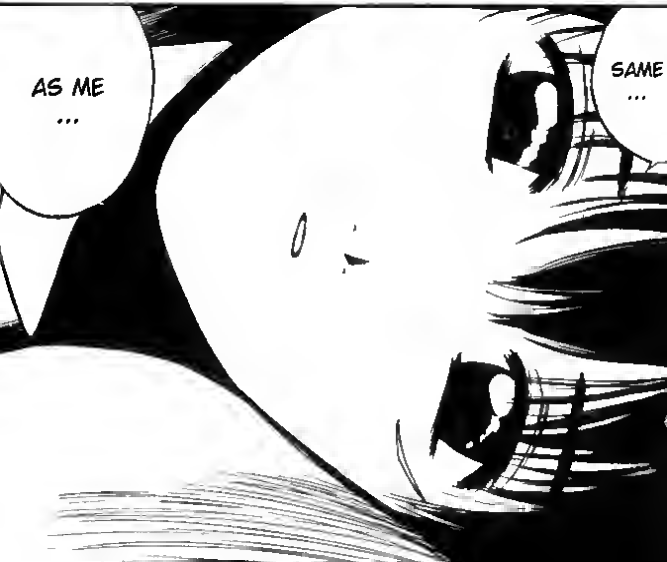
HERE ...
HURTS !?
.....
UH-HUH ...

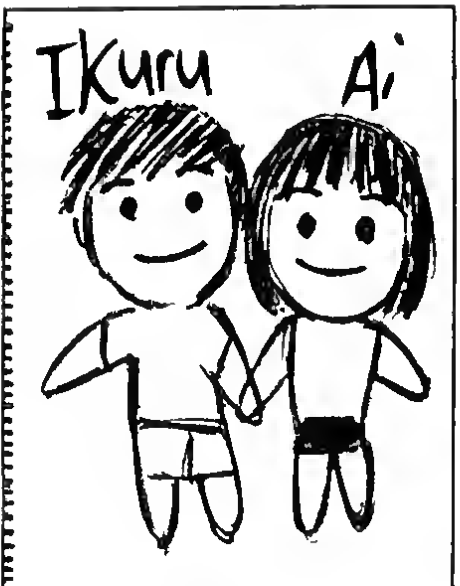

SAME ...
AS ME ...

SFX: <POURING RAIN>
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
COME HERE
SFX: <RUB>

IT'S TRUE ...
IKURU'S CHEST IS ALSO HOT.
DOES IT TICKLE?
UH-HUH BUT IT ... FEELS NICE ...
PAT AI'S HEAD PLEASE.
AH ...

GOOD GOOD
OKAY
AH
THE MORE I TOUCH
THE BRACED BODY
AS IF TRYING TO SUPPRESS TICKLISH SENSATIONS
CONTINUE TO GRASP MY CLOTHING TIGHTLY
AI
SFX. <POURING RAIN>

EH?
EH?
WHERE SHOULD I DO IT?
WHAT IS IT ?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TRY, IKURU
AH
AH
SFX <POOF>
PLAYED THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT WITH PAINED HEARTS...
AH... NO, IT TICKLES !!
HEE HEE HEE IKURU
TONIGHT AI AND I
SLEPT TO OUR HEARTS' CONTENT
EH
THE NEXT DAY... FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER AI ARRIVED
[#13 -끝-]

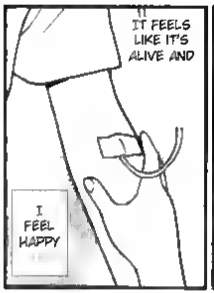


愛人 (AI-BIJIN)

#14 Will

IKURU !!
HUH ?
BEEP BO BEEP BO ♡
AH
HO HO —
AH!! YOU CAN'T. I'M TAKING THE IV!
A! AND I HAVE LEARNED TO TOUCH EACH OTHER'S BODIES
I WON'T MOVE ♡
AI'S BODY IS SOFT AND WARM
FOR SOME REASON FINDING RELIEF...
BEEP BO
BEEP BO
BEEP BO
AH DON'T !

HA HA
AH HA
HA HA HA
WARMTH OF LIFE
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU RIDE THE ROLLER-COASTER OF TICKLES —!
TICKLE
TICKLE
AI HAS


IT FEELS LIKE IT'S ALIVE AND
I FEEL HAPPY

WHERE AI TOUCHES BECOMES WARM
NO, I'M GOING TO DO IT MORE

DON'T
HA HA
TICKLE

HAPPINESS...?

THIS IS NOT THE AI WHO COULDN'T EVEN SPEAK PROPERLY IN THE BEGINNING !
TEACH ME HOW TO MAKE IT LATER —

CAN WE REMAIN THIS WAY... IS IT OK NOT TO TELL HER?
UH-HUH
I'M WAITING

FLOURISHING
NO IT'S A SECRET
WAIT HERE
ALTHOUGH HER DRAWINGS REMAIN CHILDISH

AI IS ...
WE HAVE A NEW MENU TODAY
I'LL PREPARE THE SNACKS
AI WILL HELP
WHAT WILL YOU MAKE?

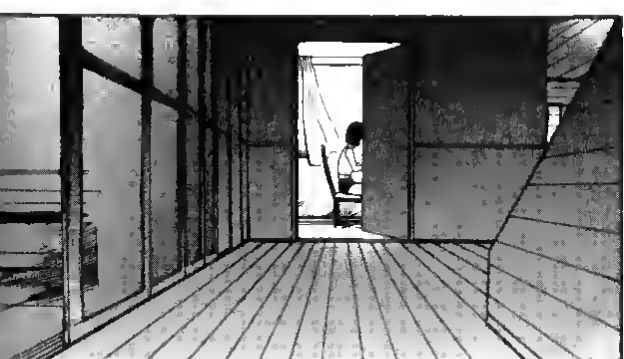
AN AI-REN MADE TO COMFORT ME WHO HASN'T GOT MUCH TIME LEFT ... ABOVE ALL ELSE
THAT AI AND I ARE HUMAN BEINGS WITH DIFFERENT GENETIC MAKE UP ...
THE TRUTH
THAT THE LIFE OF AI HERSELF WILL SOON EXTINGUISH ...
AH
OH!
IS IT OKAY NOT TO TELL HER SOMETHING AS IMPORTANT AS THIS?

AH
...
AH
...
AH
...
WOW
...
WOW
...
WOW
...

WHAT
WHAT HAPP-ENED?
I ALMOST DIED?
RIGHT NOW
THUMP
UGH ...!!
I MUST NOT LOSE CON-SCIOU-SNESS
IT'S DAN-GER-OUS !!

I'LL DIE!
IT HURTS !!
IT HURTS !!
IT HURTS !!
MY VOICE WON'T WORK !!
DRIP
DRIP
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

I DON'T WANT TO DIE THIS WAY
NO
DID IT PASS
I REA-LIZE
BUT
AH
OOH OOH
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
I HEARD THE AWKWARD PLAY OF THE PIANO...



I CAN'T LET IT END THIS WAY -!
NO !!
AI ...
LIKE A FANTASY TO THE EYES OF THE WORLD, BUT AI IS—
IT MAY SEEM —
DEFINITELY NOT—!!

I WON'T TEACH HER THAT!!

AI'S FATE

MY FATE

IN OTHER WORDS...

I WON'T LET HER SUFFER OR BE SAD

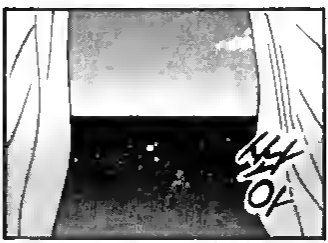
I'LL MAKE CERTAIN OF THAT!!

I WANT HER TO BE HAPPY, EVEN IF IT'S ONLY FOR A LITTLE WHILE —

LAUGH

LAUGH
...

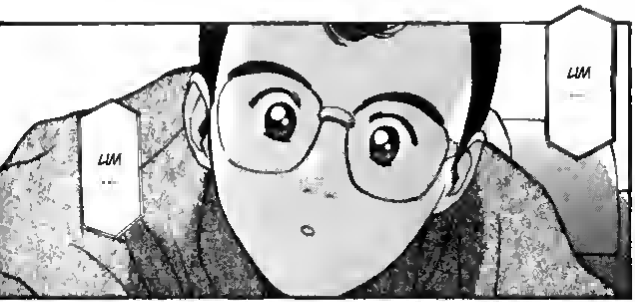
FEARFUL
PAIN...!!



SOMEONE
..
HELP ME
...!!

HUH?
I DROPPED SOMETHING
SORRY
SOMETHING MUST HAVE BEEN DRAGGED ALONG WHEN I TOOK OUT THE NEW SEAT FROM THE DRAWER
WHAT'S THIS, IKURU?
AHHH
THAT
THAT'S OUR PARENT'S..
?
MOTHER AND FATHER —

A FEW OF THEIR HOME VIDEO DISKS ...
THE CLOTH BURNT ALMOST TO A CRISP ... THE GOLD PIECE ALMOST MELTED COMPLETELY ...
THIS IS A PIECE OF MY PARENTS
RESCUED A REGISTERED SAMPLE
UH-HUH
WHEN THE LABORATORY HAD AN ACCIDENT...
THIS IS IKURU'S MOTHER AND FATHER?
FROM BEFORE I WAS BORN
JUST A HOME VIDEO!
WHAT IS THIS A RECORD OF ?
THE NAME IKURU WAS GIVEN TO ME ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS WRITTEN ON A DISK
THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED BEFORE THE REGISTRATION COULD OCCUR. THAT'S HOW I FOUND THE TEMPLE
I WANT TO SEE
UM...
"IKURU'S STORY"


LIM
...
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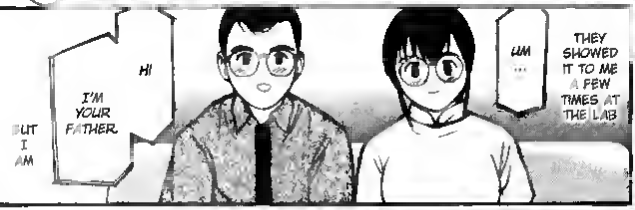
...

THIS IS THE PERSON ?
YUP
EH? SOMETHING ELSE IS RECORDED HERE.
I SHOULD ERASE IT LATER.


HI
I'M YOUR FATHER.
BUT I AM
LIM ...
THEY SHOWED IT TO ME A FEW TIMES AT THE LAB

HAHA. IT'S A BIT AWKWARD.
LOOK AT THE CAMERA.

WE SAW YOU ON SCREEN AT THE HOSPITAL TODAY

YOU'RE IN MY BELLY RIGHT NOW.
I'M SPEAKING TO YOU HERE.
CAN YOU HEAR ME?

HI? THIS IS MOM
I COULD FEEL ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ...

IT'S BEEN 10 MONTHS SINCE WE MOVED YOU INTO YOUR MOM'S TUMMY
WE WERE SO HAPPY
YOU'RE WERE MOVING YOUR SMALL HANDS AND FEET SO ENERGETICALLY
YOU CAN COME OUT INTO THE WORLD IN A BIT
WE'LL BE A FAMILY !
TA DA -!!
IKURU
THIS IS YOUR NAME —!!
IKURU —!!
WE THOUGHT IT UP
IKURU
"IKURU"
YOU PRON-OUNCE IT
AFTER PROLONGED THINKING ON YOUR MOM AND DAD'S PART, ANYWAY
IT'S GOOD, RIGHT ?
OUR NAMES ALSO COMPRISE OF ONLY ONE CHRACTER WHEN WRITTEN IN CHINESE!!
MOM AND DAD WORK HERE
AS THIS COL-ONY'S EMPLO-YEES

IT WON'T GET ERASED
I SHOULD ERASE THIS ONE TOO
I'LL TELL YOU HOW YOU WERE ABLE TO BE BORN
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING THAT FOR?
AH! I DIDN'T REALIZE -!
THAT'S WHY OUR SALARY IS AS SMALL AS A RAT'S TAIL
WELL, NOT AS GOOD AS A DOCTOR
THOUGH IT'S IN SPACE
JUST AN EMPLOYEE
OUR WORK STATIONS WERE DIFFERENT, BUT AT A CERTAIN MEETING...
THE STORY GETS LONG HERE
YOUR MOM AND DAD MET IN THE COLONY
IT WAS A HAPPY STORY
IT WAS AN EMOTION-FILLED STORY OCCURRING IN AN UNFAMILIAR PLACE
DECIDED
THE TWO OF US
IKURU
AND WE DECIDED TO HAVE A CHILD
ALTHOUGH IT REQUIRED MUCH COURAGE

MANY PEOPLE SAY THAT HAVING A CHILD IN THIS ERA IS IRRESPONSIBLE
IT'S DIFFICULT TO EXPECT A BRIGHT FUTURE
IS NOT A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, TO TELL THE TRUTH
THE PLACE YOU'LL BE BORN INTO
WE WANTED YOU
YET STILL
WE DECIDED IT WAS THROUGH YOUR MOM'S BODY
YOUR METHOD OF BIRTH
SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST GIFT I CAN GIVE TO YOU!
WE WANTED TO DO JUST THAT
DON'T WORRY! WE CAN DEFINITELY SHAPE OUR FUTURE!!
AS HUMANS HAVE DONE IN THE DISTANT PAST
WE CAN SHAPE THE FUTURE IN OUR OWN HANDS!

I'M VERY PROUD.
ALTHOUGH IT'S A LITTLE SCARY
WE WANTED TO GIVE THIS TO YOU WHEN YOU CAN THINK ON YOUR OWN ABOUT WORK
IN TRUTH, WE'RE THINKING OF GIVING YOU THIS VIDEO WHEN YOU LEAVE THE NEST
WE'LL PROTECT YOU AT SUCH MOMENTS
THIS IS THE EVID-ENCE !
EVEN FOR YOU
THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN YOU WANT TO GIVE UP ON LIFE
LIVING IS DIFFICULT!

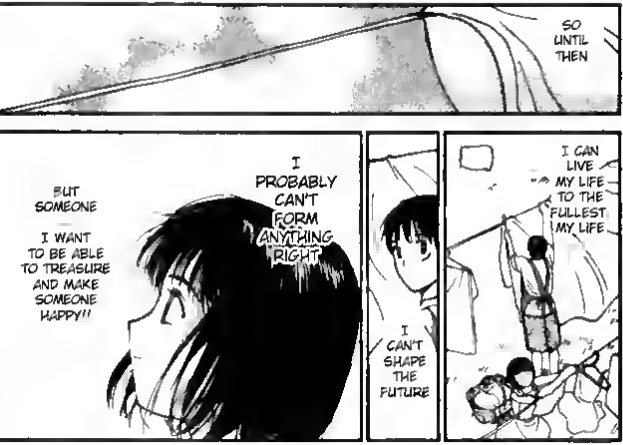
THE EVIDENCE THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO HOPED FOR YOUR EXISTENCE WITH THEIR LIVES
—
WE'LL BE WAIT-ING
WE HAVE SUCH EXPECT-ATIONS
WE'LL PROB-ABLY MEET SOON

PLEASE BE BORN HEALTHY
—

AH...
I...
AS MUCH
AS I NEED
WHILE I
AM ALIVE
IKI-
URU

MOM
DAD
WE'LL
BE
ABLE
TO
MEET
SOON

ALREADY
I WAS
BEING
LOVED


SO UNTIL THEN
I CAN LIVE MY LIFE TO THE FULLEST MY LIFE
I CAN'T SHAPE THE FUTURE
I PROBABLY CAN'T FORM ANYTHING RIGHT
BUT SOMEONE
I WANT TO BE ABLE TO TREASURE AND MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY!!

Ai ... I'LL PROTECT YOU

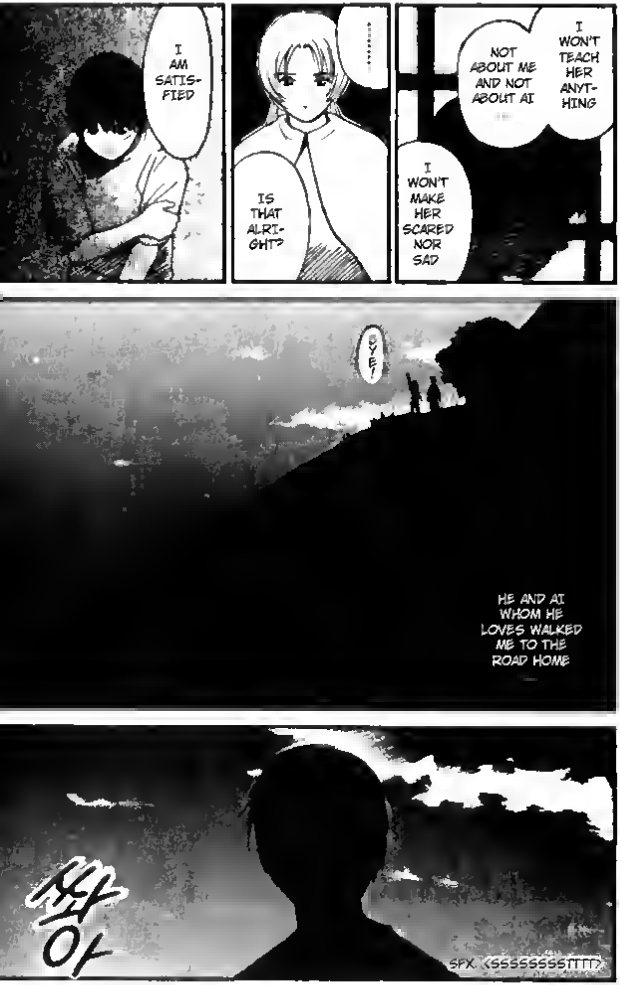
[#14 - END]

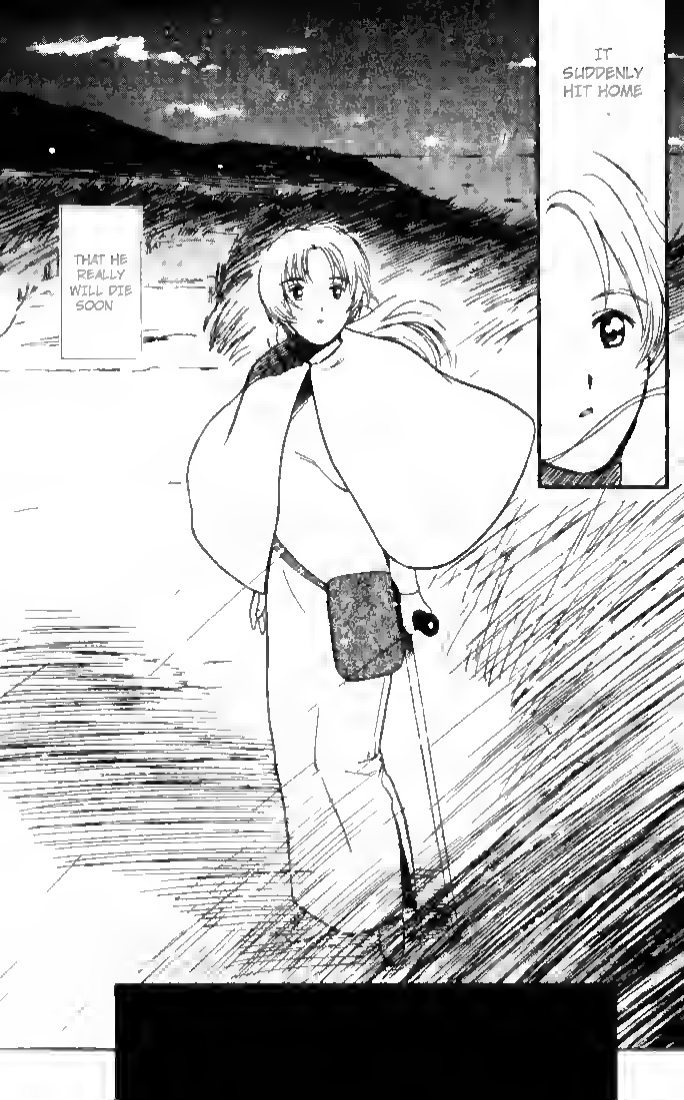
愛人 AI-JIN

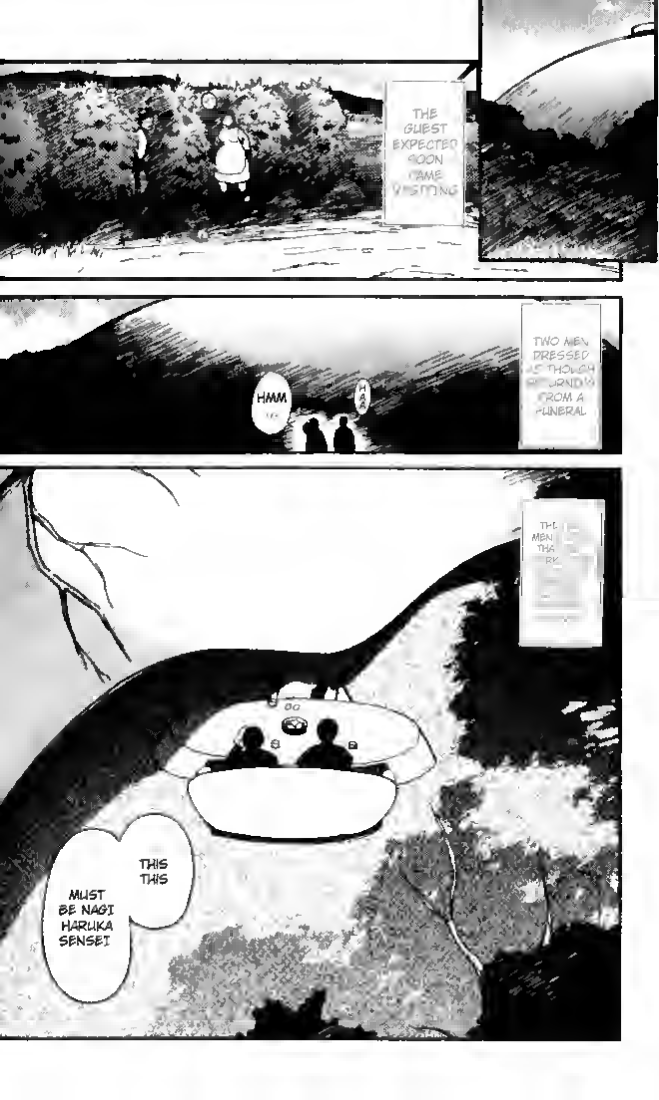
#15 Weeping Woman

THANK YOU
YOU CAN EAT THIS TOGETHER WITH THAT --
IT CAN SUPPRESS ALL KINDS OF PAIN SO DON'T WORRY
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE ERA WHERE PAIN CONTROL HAD NOT BEEN WELL DEVEL-OPED
TH-ANK YOU
HE WANT MEDICINE TO SUPPRESS THE PAIN
HEEDLESS OF THE SIDE EFCTS HE SAID HE JUST WANTED MEDICATION WITH SURE RESULTS
I REALIZED THAT DEATH RELIEVES OTHER TYPES OF PAIN BUT
I WAS SURP R'SED HAT I" NAS TO "HIS DEGREE
BANG BANG
IKURU
PEEP

EVEN FOR A LITTLE WHILE, FOR A FEW MONTHS,
I WANT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE
TEACHER
DID YOUR FINISH YOUR SECRET DISCUSSION WITH HARUKA?
NOT YET
UNTIL AI FINISHES HER LIFE-SPAN
UNTIL AI TAKES HER LAST BREATH ...
I DECIDED TO LIVE SMILING ...


I AM SATISFIED
IS THAT ALRIGHT?
I WON'T TEACH HER ANYTHING
NOT ABOUT ME AND NOT ABOUT AI
I WON'T MAKE HER SCARED NOR SAD
BYE!
HE AND AI WHOM HE LOVES WALKED ME TO THE ROAD HOME
SFX: 〈SSSSSSSSTTTT〉


IT SUDDENLY HIT HOME
!
THAT HE REALLY WILL DIE SOON


THE GUEST EXPECTED SOON CAME VISITING
TWO MEN DRESSED AS THOUGH RETURNING FROM A FUNERAL
HMM
THE MEN THAT BY
THIS MUST BE NAGI HARUKA SENSEI
THIS

THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME MEETING A SPHINX FACE-TO-FACE...
PLEASE BE GOOD TO US.
YOU ARE AS BEAUTIFUL AS THE RUMORS SAY.
SFX <SMILE SMILE>
IS THAT SO?

SPHINX
...
NO, SENSEI'S GLORIOUS POINTS AREN'T JUST IN THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE BUT IS IN HER CHARACTER AS WELL ...!!
AH ...
PLEASE EXCUSE US...!!
YET
THE PARENT OF THE SPHINX
DOCTOR NAGI PH.D
IS DOING WELL ...?
WE ARE MOVED BY YOUR HUMANITY.
YOU DO NOT SEEK YOUR PERSONAL GAIN BUT LIVE TO TREAT THE SICK IN A HOUSE SUCH AS THIS
DESPITE HAVING POWERS INCOMPARABLE TO THOSE OF NORMAL HUMANS
WE CAN TRULY CALL IT [THE COMPLETION OF HUMANITY].

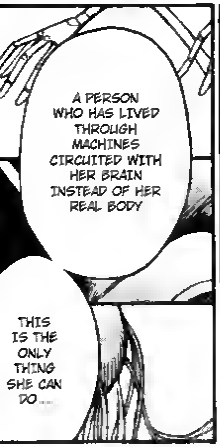
WE CAME TO DELIVER THE NEWS.
WE WANT TO INVITE DR. NAGI TO BECOME EARTH'S CITIZEN.
WE ARE TRULY SORRY BUT...
AS DISCUSSED EARLIER
SINCE THE DOCTOR'S STORY IS
THE STORY OF HUMANITY'S POSSIBILITIES ...!
A GIRL BORN WHO COULD NOT EVEN BREATHE
WITH EYES THAT CANNOT SEE EARS THAT CANNOT HEAR,
LIMBS THAT CANNOT MOVE
TO OVERCOME THAT HANDICAP AND BECOME
A GIANT OF A BIOLOGIST
WHO PUSHED HUMANITY TO ADVANCE.

SINCE SHE COULD NOT HAVE SUFFERED
IS PRAISED AS THE [MOTHER OF THE HUMAN RACE]
YET ...
AFTER-WARD, THE DOCTOR
HAS NOT SHOWN HER FORM TO ONE PERSON ...
WHAT ...
FROM THE SPHINX WOMAN SHE HAD MADE.
BEEEEE
UGH!
SFX <POURING RAIN>

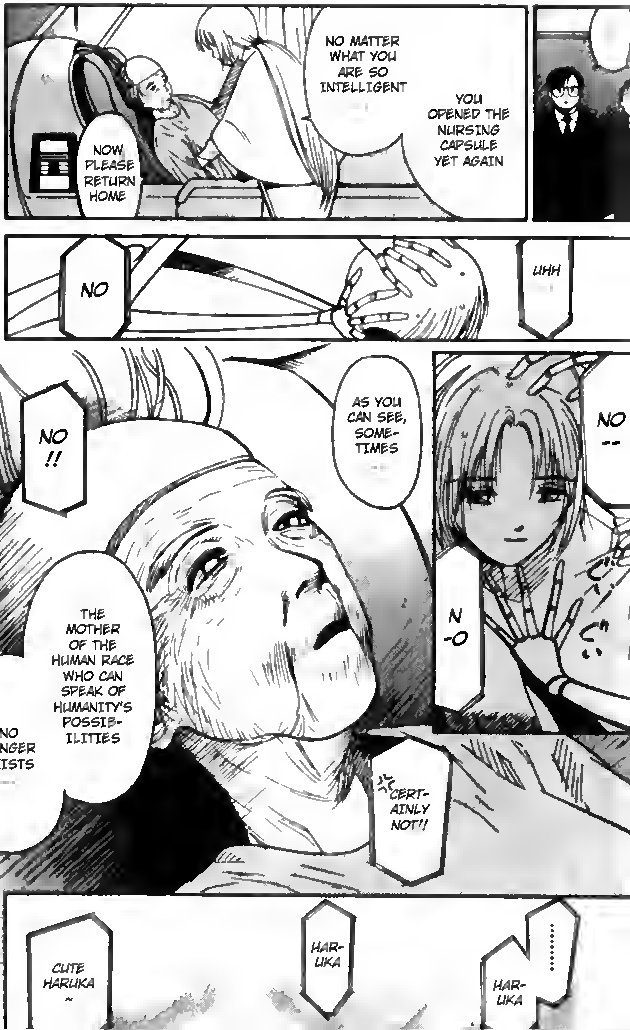
SFX: <POURING RAIN>
DON'T WORRY, IT'S ONLY WATER
OOF !!
DRIP
HALT !!
OOOOH
SEN-SEI !!
THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE THAT IS MALFUN-CTIONING, CORRECT?
SFX: <POURING RAIN>

SFX: <BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP>

SFX (BEEP BEEP BEEP)


A PERSON WHO HAS LIVED THROUGH MACHINES CIRCUITED WITH HER BRAIN INSTEAD OF HER REAL BODY
THIS IS THE ONLY THING SHE CAN DO...

SHE CAN'T WALK AROUND HERE SINCE SHE CAN'T WALK IN THE FIRST PLACE BUT
HACKING THE BBS SYSTEMS HERE,
SHE PLAYS THESE KINDS OF PRANKS FROM TIME TO TIME


NO MATTER WHAT YOU ARE SO INTELLIGENT
YOU OPENED THE NURSING CAPSULE YET AGAIN
NOW, PLEASE RETURN HOME
UHH
NO
AS YOU CAN SEE, SOME-TIMES
NO --
NO !!
N -O
THE MOTHER OF THE HUMAN RACE WHO CAN SPEAK OF HUMANITY'S POSSIB-ILITIES
NO LONGER EXISTS
CERT-AINLY NOT!!
CUTE HARUKA ~
HAR-UKA
HAR-UKA

HAR-LIKA
IT'S ALR-IGHT, MOM
I'M HERE
HAR-LIKA
PREC-IOUS HARLIKA
WHY MOM
OH MY ARE YOU IN A GOOD MOOD?
YOU'RE THINKING OF ME AS THE DAUGHTER OF AN ORD-INARY HUMAN
YOU'RE HAPPY, RIGHT ?
YOU'VE FINALLY GAINED SOME PEACE
I'M JEALOUS ...
IF IT IS ABOUT
KILIT

I KNOW NOT-HING.

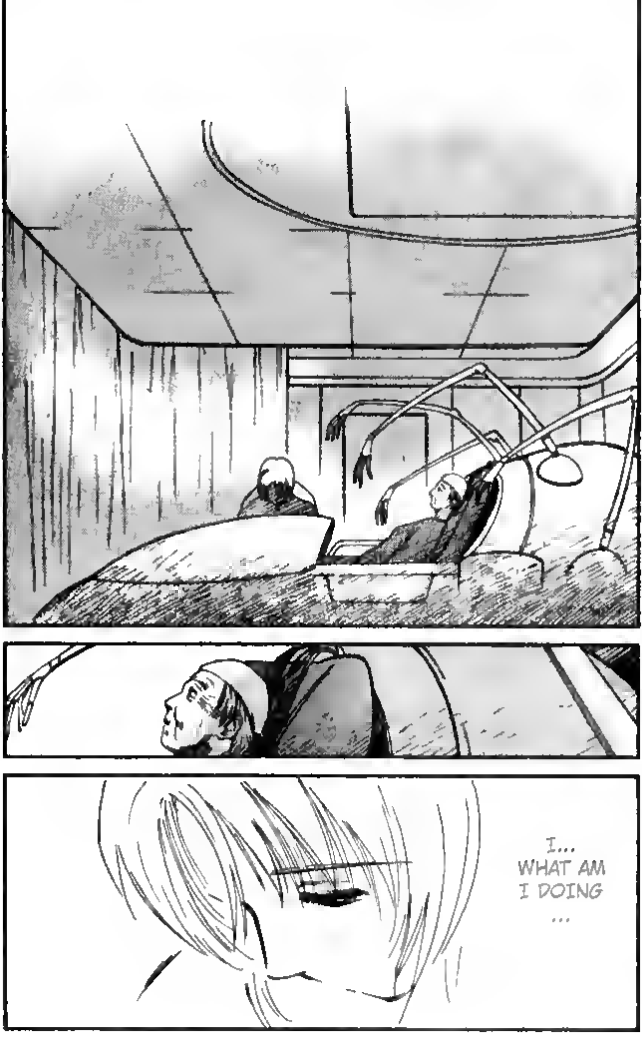
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME !
WHY HE DESCENDED TO THIS EARTH AND WHAT HE CAME TO DO ..
HOW MUCH DOES SHE KNOW ?!
.....!!
탁!
DON'T MIS-UNDERS-TAND !
WAIT A MOMENT --!!
ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR IS YOUR COOPERATION !!
OR WERE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE ME BY FORCE TO THE SOUTH POLE ..!?
THIS IS NOT A PLACE THAT SUITS THE LIKES OF YOU!
THERE'S NO ONE HERE BUT THOSE YOU HURT AND ABANDONED !!
PLEASE GO BACK
NOW

WE'RE HOPING THAT THE 'HITO' WILL RETURN TO SPACE AS IT IS--
THAT IS THE ONLY HOPE WE HAVE ...
IT MUST BE AS THOUGH THEY HAD NEVER EXISTED !!
ISN'T KILIT, THEIR LEADER, A SPHINX JUST LIKE YOU!
WE HOPE THAT YOU'LL COOPERATE ON THE MATTERS CONCERNING HIM.
SFX: <CRACK>
SFX: <CRACK>

I CAN'T LISTEN TO THE PLEADING OF A HUMAN BEARING ARMS!
AH
AH
HOW WELL YOU CAME INTO THIS HOUSE CARRYING BIONIC WEAPONS!
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED!
HAHA... SPHINX WHO SURPASSES ORDINARY HUMANS ARE CERTAINLY
HOWEVER, YOU MUST STILL KNOW
WHAT WILL OCCUR IF WE LEFT THE 'HITO'S AS IS
IN THE SAME PLANET HUMANS STRONGER THAN THEMSELVES APPEARED
THE TRUTH IS
NOTHING ELSE THAN A NOTE OF EXECITION TO THE LIPSTAGED HUMAN RACE!

IT MEANS THAT POLITICS, RELIGIONS, & ECONOMY WILL ALL DISAPPEAR
THE WORLD WILL VANISH
SINCE MAN'S SOCIETY OR CULTURE OR NAME
IS CREATED BY THE HUMAN RACE ITSELF --!!
NO CHOICE OTHER THAN TO END ...
THE TRAGEDY THAT IS THE END OF MAN IS BEGINNING ALL AROUND THE WORLD!
DO YOU FEEL NOTHING-?!
WILL YOU JUST STAND BY AND WATCH ?!
IT'S UNFORTUNATE BUT
I'M NOT IN A GOOD MOOD.
!?
WHAT ...?
휘익
SFX. <THROW>

GET OUT --
TAKE THEM WITH YOU AS WELL, THE ONE'S WHO'VE BEEN SPYING ON MY HOUSE FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS!
DISAPPEAR --!!


I...
WHAT AM
I DOING
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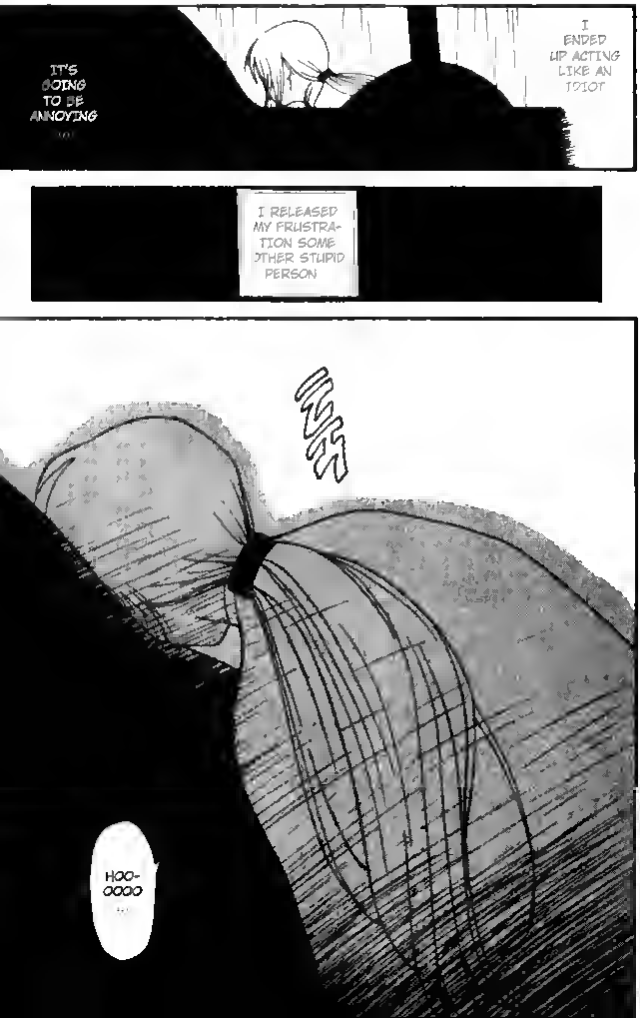
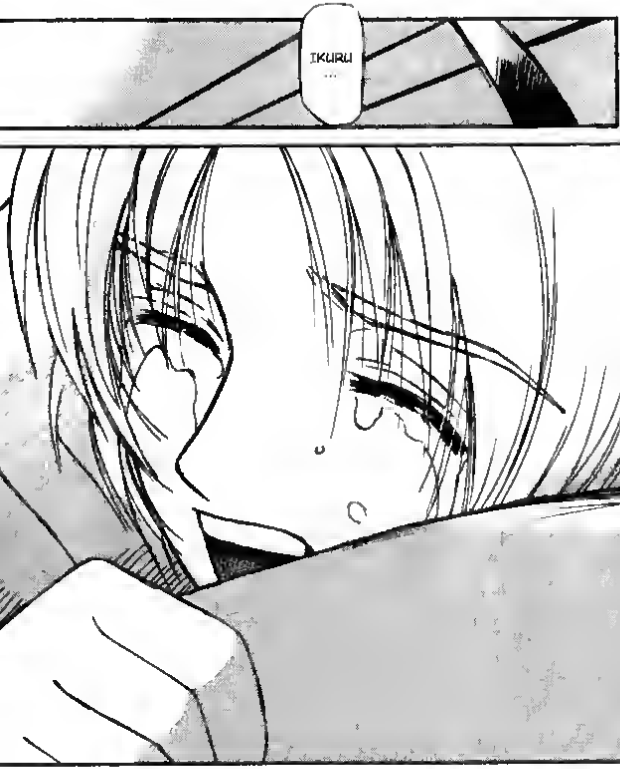

IT'S GOING TO BE ANNOYING
I ENDED UP ACTING LIKE AN IDIOT
I RELEASED MY FRUSTRATION SOME OTHER STUPID PERSON
HOO-OOOO

HOW MANY TIMES HAD I TRIED TO KILL YOU ...
THE MOTHER OF THE HUMAN RACE ...
IT'S ALRIGHT NOW, MOM'S HERE
I'LL PAT YOU
GOOD GOOD
YES YES
HARUKA
LOVABLE HARUKA

PAIN GO AWAY ~!
PAIN GO AWAY ~!
DISAPPEAR INTO THAT FARAWAY MOUNTAIN
PAIN GO AWAY ~!
MOM ...
THE BOY I LIKE IS DYING ...
I CAN'T SAVE HIM ...
THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO ...



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